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Demand for Welsh education means a new school in Barry

language primary school in Barry – a school that will eventually take 420 **PHILIP** pupils, PHIIIRWIN reports.

This new school, which will be built in the which will be built in the grounds of the Welsh medium Ysgol Bro Morgannwg will start life as a "seed" school in

September 2010. A "seed" school is A "seed" school is cant advantages in hav-likely to start initially ing Welsh medium priwith temporary classrooms, and the headship will be shared between other. In effect, it would um education due to the education in neighbourtwo existing heads, who will step aside when the school has enough pupils to justify having its own

The decision has been taken because at present in Barry, Ysgol St Baruc has a capacity of 117 for its reception classes, and demand for September forecast in September over-subscribed. 2011 to 145. Between 20

ing a rise in pupil num-bers, but in this case, its there is to build two new classrooms

This will see its school roll rise from 350 to 420. In Barry, the council

believes there are signifimary and secondary schools close to each create a "Welsh learning campus".

In the western Vale, a similar seed school will the be created in Llantwit involved." and is clearly looking to Major, close to the comprehensive school, and Franks said: "The susthis will be designed to tained growth of Welsh" "There are questions".

grow to 210 places.
The only Welsh medi-2010 is forecast to be Vale, Iolo Morganwg in 128, with a further rise Cowbridge, is already

A similar reorganisa2006, between 10 and 11
However, Coun sion in all parts of the tion will be needed in per cent of Vale primary Franks said that the Vale Vale."

However, the council ary school is very cresays a Vale-wide survey of school preference "However, the Vale designed to be extended revealed that, of those with "minimal disruption responding, 26 per cent for the new school. All to the rest of the school" of parents with children the plans will be futile if the plans will be futile if and the preferred option under three years of age the council fails to propare very likely to require a Welsh medium school place for their children.

ents of Ysgol Sant Baruc pupils regarding relocations learning, Coun ing the school."

Tony Hampton said: Labour's parliamen"The survey highlights tary candidate in the an unmet or latent Vale, Alana Davies who The cabinet member demand for Welsh mediexisting distribution of Welsh medium primary

tained growth of Welsh

er-subscribed. is the starter class in full consultation about Between 2001 and Llantwit Major." any plans for new provi-

THE Vale Council
is taking the first steps which could lead to a new Welsh language primary

Pen y Garth, is also factorial anguage primary

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erly fund the schemes.
"I would be interested

to learn the views of par-ents of Ysgol Sant Baruc

is the cabinet member for ing Bridgend said: "The Vale Council has schools in the Vale, and assessed the demand for travel distances Welsh medium education

medium education has around the timescales encouraged the council involved, if these proposum school in the western to make these plans. als are to be implement-Vale, Iolo Morganwg in "The new school in ed by September 2010, it Barry is long overdue, as is important that there is

Annette wins top award at the Dorchester Hotel

A BARRY woman has picked up a national award at the Dorchester Hotel in London as Sales Assistant of the Year'.

As reported in The GEM three weeks ago, Annette Harrison went to London knowing that she had won one of the five awards for outstanding achievements by people in Britain's convenience sector shops, but while there she landed the overall award too!

Annette, who works at the Spar store in Rhoose, told The GEM: "I was shocked to win. The trip to London was two days and I took my daughter Natasha with me.

"We were put up at a top hotel and were given spending money, so we went to see the stage performance of Sister Act.
"On the morning of

November 17 the finalists all had an interview with eight top industry professionals, and that afternoon I was announced as the overall

winner. What made the experience so nice was that from the minute we arrived in London, the woman who hosted us, Lucy, couldn't do enough for us. She made it all such a pleasure.

TV personality Anthea
Turner and the editor of Convenience Store magazine, David Rees, pre sented Annette with the award. Annette won the first

award after being checked out by a mystery shopper and undergoing a one-hour interview with members of the awards committee.

They liked the fact that she took on extra responsibilities in the shop such as dealing with health and safety. training the staff, building up a rapport with local youngsters, and also got involved with community youth work.

Despite being a married mother of two Annette finds time to run two youth clubs in Rhoose, one at Stewart Road two nights a week. and one at Celtic Way

Community Centre once

Her manager at the Rhoose Spar, Chris David, said the award was totally deserved.

He explained: "It is an amazing accolade for the shop and the community.
"It is nice after 18 vears' service that she

has been recognised in such a high capacity. "She is so helpful to customers.

"If an elderly person arrives at the shop on a scooter she will help them in and go round to help with the shopping.
"If someone is elderl

ABOVE: Annette (on left) is pictured receiving her award at London's Dorchester Hotel with her daughter Natasha (centre) and Anthea Turner.

or disabled and could do with assistance going home, she will do that

too.
"There are even occaif someone sions when, if someone is unwell, she'll deliver their shopping – we're really proud of her." TIM CHAPMAN

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Local traders see a brighter future!

WHAT a difference a year makes! Just 12 months ago, local businesses were struggling to keep afloat, but now there's

a tangible enthusiasm from shop owners in Barry and Rhoose.

The worst has been weathered, and as you can see in our Rhoose Christmas feature on pages 16 and 17, and our festive look at Holton Road on pages 19-21, established business people allied to emerging entrepreneurs are generating a new optimism about

Photographer Mark Osman, one person featured, was made redundant a year ago, but found people willing to help him start a

new business. He said: "I found out a lot about the good nature of people. There are a lot of nice people out there - it's not just a cruel world."

Blue Plaque names are announced

TEN of Barry's most distinguished citizens will be recognised with blue plaques in the town. To find out who has been chosen, turn





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'SO WHY HAVE COUNCILLORS?'

ENCOEDTRE Woods, then, is to be the next part of the diminishing green space in Barry to be sacrificed for housing development.

Before long, the council will have to extend the town boundary to allow more house building to be crammed into

Rhoose councillor Jeff James is reported as saying that "This land is already allocated for development. It is diffi-cult to oppose it when the officers who are experts have advised that we pass it. "They (the applicants) will only

appeal if we don't."

So exactly what is the point, Coun James, of having councillors? Are they there just to rubberstamp the officers' deci-

sions? And yes the land is allocated in the UDP for development – light industrial development.

Readers will recall the Cemetery Approach fias-co when the public were also told that the developer would appeal if councillors failed to support the officials' deci-

In that case, the developers did appeal and sensibly withdrew, once they viewed the action group's case against the proposals.

The experts were wrong!

The increased pressure from additional cars and people from yet more housing will have a further impact on our town's already creaking infrastructure.

Dennis Harkus, Gibbonsdown

Thanks from Wings appeal

HE Barry branch of the Royal Air Forces Association would like to express their appreciation to the citizens of Barry and the Vale for their support of the branch's Battle of Britain 'Wings' charity collections.

The RAFA charity helps and supports retired and serving per-sonnel and their immediate families, when difficulties and problems

Sincere thanks go to

the management and customers of Morrisons and to the ATC Squadrons, 372 (Barry) and 2300 (St Athan) who assisted with bag-pack-

ing at the store. The ATC cadets also visited pubs and clubs in the town and there were donations from various other sources.

The total amount collected and forwarded to RAFA's central headquarters was £4,667.61.

Arnold Close (Hon branch treasurer)

Event raises £800

AM pleased to report that our Mid Glamorgan Dolls House & Miniaturists Group show was very successful.

Al our visitors were delighted and said that they would come again next year.

Despite the economic downturn, we were still able to send the Noah's Ark Appeal (Children's Hospital for Wales) a cheque for £800.

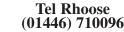
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'STOP WARNING THESE SPEEDING DRIVERS'

HY do so many motorists, trayelling to and fro on the B4265, flash to warn oncoming traffic when the policeman with his speed camera is patrolling this road to catch dangerous drivers speeding and endangering other road users' lives?

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and for our safety.

I take my life in my hands every time I approach Pentre'r Cwrt roundabout from the hous-

'Let's all follow the simple rules'

N response to 'Keep your dogs on a lead! – plea' letter published in The GEM on November 12, the writer states, "twenty minutes after the first attack. I saw the dogs again and so put my dog on a lead and assumed, given the earlier incident, the owners of the dogs would do the same."

I would like to point out that to my knowledge, dogs should be kept on a lead at all times at Cosmeston.

There are indeed clear signs displayed advising this, but the majority of dog owners choose to

While being a dog

lover myself, I am much more concerned for the safety of my toddler while enjoying Cosmeston, rather than

dogs injuring each other. Dogs have frequently frightened him by running up to him at speed, appearing from nowhere

and the owners not in sight! Dog owners at The

Knap Lake could also do well to read the signage advising dogs to be kept on a lead! This rule does not seem to be policed at either location.

Let's all enjoy the facilities our area has to offer by following a few simple rules! (Name and address supplied)

Support for offices closure protest

WOULD like to add my backing to Coun Gwyn John and the residents of Llantwit Major regarding the appalling decision of the Conservative-run Vale Council to close its offices in the town.

For several weeks. local residents have been adding their names to a petition to reverse this

my website for people who are opposed to this closure.

I would be grateful if, through your newspaper. I could encourage Vale residents to visit my website at www.alanadavies.co.uk and add their names to the petition to keep this vital local service in Llantwit Major.

Alana Davies (Labour parliamentary Alongside this, I have run an online petition on of Glamorgan)

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ing estate because so many vehicles, including lorries and vans, are being literally thrown around this small roundabout.

It makes it dangerous to pull out at a normal pace to turn left or right.

Surely, with all the accidents on this road, motorists should take heed and be thankful to the police!

Mrs SV Clark, Llantwit Major

'Name and shame the dog owners

HERE seems to be a small but hard core of dog owners, living in Highlight Park, Barry, who, on a regular basis, wilfully allow their dogs to defecate on the pavements, particularly on the circuit around Lakin Drive.

They operate between the hours of darkness and carry on with impunity and this happens on a daily basis.

These people should be named, shamed, fined and made to carry out community services. namely cleaning up after dogs on this and other estates.
The Vale Council has

limited methods of combating this and sadly, warning stickers on lamp posts did absolutely nothing to deter these

(Name and address supplied)

Thank you for my GEM prize!

ODAY, I managed to get to Filco to spend my GEM prize, the £25 voucher I won through your newspaper.

I would like to thank you all for organising the competitions and to express my delight at being one of the winners.

I enjoyed shopping in Filco and was able to find quite a few items to go in my 'Operation Shoebox' for the troops in Afghanistan on the front line to share my good luck with them. Jacqueline Wynde, Llandaff

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL DECEMBER 3)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15-20 minutes earlier.

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26 Thur	01.31	11.5	14.08	11.7
27 Fri	02.43	11.8	15.18	12.0
28 Sat	03.46	12.1	16.24	12.5
29 Sun	04.49	12.7	17.16	13.2
30 Mon	05.34	13.5	17.59	13.7
01 Tues	06.28	13.9	18.54	14.1
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Artist known as Dr Geebers arrives at the Knap with a message for modern Britain

A TRAVELLING artist arrived at the Knap beach in Barry to build a stone sculpture and highlight the problem of homelessness in modern day

Britain.Dr Geebers, is walking round the coastline of Britain, stopping off at pebble beaches and creating his unique artworks.

He told The GEM: "I am walking the coast of England, followed by Wales, and then Scotland.

"I began my trek at the end of May this year at the conclusion of the Brighton fringe arts fes-

"On my way, I'm stopping off at suitable beaches to do my pebble sculptures. I've searched the web and believe I'm the only person in the world who is doing this sort of thing.

At the end of his marathon journey, Dr Geebers, who is home-less himself, plans to write a book about his experiences, including that of not having a place to call home

"Although, I am homeless I do have a Dr Geebers and his pebble sculpture of a Welsh castle.

purpose in life. "When I arrived in Barry, I slept in a shelter during the nights and in the days began creating a castle on the Knap beach. I want people to know about the problems of homelessness. The lead-up to Christmas is a particularly apt time to highlight

the issue. "Although charities do what they can, the public should know that many hostels and day centres in this country are decrepit."

Dr Geebers said he

was gratified by the warm welcome he had received from locals.

"I want to thank Barbara of 'Bab's Baps' burger van at the Knap and the other local peo-

ple for their hospitality.
"The youngsters who have met me have shown a lot of respect for what I'm doing and think it's awesome." Dr Geebers thinks his

journey will take just over two years.

"I plan to finish in Brighton in May, 2011 – has been blown ove in time for the fringe arts seven times so far!'

by TIM CHAPMAN



festival.

So far he has built pebble sculptures on 16 English beaches, including those at Weymouth, Ilfracombe and Combe Martin. Barry is the first beach in Wales to get the

Dr Geebers' treatment.
"Over the weekend
of November 22 I'll be heading to the Mumbles in Swansea.

"Doing the sculpture in the past few days has been particularly hard because the winds have been fierce. The castle has been blown over

Barbara Merry of Bab's Baps told The GEM: "Dr Geebers arrived on Saturday, November 14 and started building the castle. People have been coming down to the beach to watch the progress.

"If he gets time he might be doing a Welsh daffodil in the centre of the castle.

"The locals really took to him. Some have brought meals, others clothes. He has won the respect of all genera-

Elie (she's eight) wins design prize

Elie Mai Platt, of the Gibbonsdown Children's Centre, won the

Communities First People's Allotment Group logo competition, with a bright and colourful design which will be used by the allotment group for promotional work.

The paper design was then turned into a computerised image by professional graphic designer Amy Martin from Swansea, who offered her expertise free of charge, in support of the community project.

Residents living in the wards of



Gibbonsdown and Court are encouraged to contact Communities First on 01446 732406 involved.

ABOVE: Elie Mai Platt shows the logo she designed for Communities First.

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Heroes and heroines to be honoured by Barry are revealed

has announced the names of the first 10 Barrians who are to be commemorated with a blue plaque, in a scheme which aims to recognise the town's rich heritage.

In front of an invited In front of an invited audience at Barry Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, the Blue Plaque Scheme selection panel members: Professor Mike Bassett, Professor — Deirdre Professor Deirdre Beddoe, and Professor Peter Stead, revealed the 10 names and gave a commendation of each of their lives.

Among the audience were relatives of those commemorated, along with the current home mounted on the exterior

carried the plaques onto the stage.

the stage.
Paul Haley, the
Chairman of Pride In
Barry, paid tribute to the
work of Mr Gareth
Howe, who organised the whole process of obtain-ing funding, inviting the public to nominate wor-thy individuals, appoint-

Mr Haley explained: Barry can be "Without Gareth's Must be endeavours, I have no doubt this event would More the

not have taken place.
"The Blue Plaque
Scheme demonstrates a heritage of which the difficult. can be justly



Children from schools in Barry were given the honour of carrying the blue plaques onto the stage at the Memorial Hall.

Captain Sir Norman ● Sir Ar Lloyd Edwards, who was (1913-1990) the guest of honour, said that the evening was a that the evening was a thrilling lesson on the history of Barry and the role played by Barrians on the national and international stage.

He encouraged Pride

In Barry and the audi
(1892-1982) owners who have agreed ence to ensure that the to have the blue plaques project continues, so that further plaques can be announced next year. Mr Howe had invited

mounted on the exterior walls of their houses.

Children from High
Street, Barry Island, and the people of Barry to Barry.

Comprehensive nominate worthy individPrinces Street uals of distinction who had to fit the following Evans (1912-2005) the criteria:

Must have been born in Barry, educated in Barry or at least spent a significant part of their lives in Barry.

Should not still be living.

ing.

Must have been a pering a selection panel, and son of distinction who is getting the plaques manufactured.

son of distinction who is regarded as eminent by their peers, and of whom

Barry can be proud.

Must be reasonably

More than 50 highquality nominations were received, making the selection process very

The 10 people to be

• Sir Arthur Davies

(1913-1990) to leave the control of the World Meteorological Service from 1955 to Petersen (1911-1990) One of the most succession of the

Plaque location: 164 Gladstone Road

Sir Frank Dixey

The geologist Frank

Dixey was one of the (1898-1987) most acclaimed scientists produced by the town of

Barry.
Plaque location: 14

• Gwynfor Richard

Politician considered

(1902-1979) One of the nation's leading political cartoon-

Plaque location: 8 Harbour Road

 Robert Frederick John (1899-1982)

Footballer who starred for Wales and Arsenal Plaque location: 31

Morel Street

Gareth Richard Vaughan Jones (1905-1935)

Pioneering investiga-

cessful British boxers of

the inter-war years.
Plaque location: 19

Porth Y Castell

 Dame Dorothy Rees

to be elected as an MP in South Wales, Dorothy Rees served Barry with

Plaque location: 6 Newland Street

Teacher, author and

Plaque location: Old College Inn

Margaret Lindsay
Williams (1888-1960)
Distinguished artist

who was commissioned to paint portraits of roy-

alty and American presi-

Windsor Road

team.

Plaque location: 9

TVale AM Jane Hutt,

who attended the Ceremony said: "I was delighted to join the

Pride in Barry Blue Plaque Ceremony at the Memorial Hall, and I would like to congratu-

late the Pride in Barry

judges, for this welcome development in honour-

ing Barry citizens in this

including

Thomas

devotion.

raconteur.

• Gwyn (1913-1981)

The first woman ever

tive journalist

Bryn Hafren pupils join the Welsh Assembly's anti-bullying road show



ABOVE: A delegation of School recently attended the Welsh Assembly Government's anti-bullying roadshow at Miskin Manor, where they were invited to take part in interactive work-

shops to learn more about

bullying and its effect on vic-

tims. An Assembly spokes-woman said: "The Respect Tour roadshow is travelling to venues throughout Wales to highlight issues around bullying, and is a collaboration between the Assembly and the Welsh Anti-Bullying Network, who helped coordinate the roadshow.

A spokeswoman for Bryn Hafren said that the girls felt that there was a lot already happening to prevent bullying at their school, but added that they would be taking some new ideas back to the school council.

Local action group's carol event

BARRY Citizens' Action Group is holding its annual Christmas carols and songs event on King Square, Barry, at 2pm, on Friday, December 4

A collection will be made on behalf of the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Members of the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band will be in attendance, along with the Deputy Mayor of the Vale, and his consort.

Church fayre

THERE will be a Christmas Fayre at Windsor Road United Reform Church Hall, Barry, on Saturday, December 5, 2pm-4.30pm.

There will be stalls and Christmas gifts. Admission is 50p, and proceeds go to church

Local health worker wins top care award

A BRIDGEND health support worker, who entered the caring profession after being a cleaner at a nursing home, has been honoured for her dedication and devotion as a carer.

Thanks to the support of Lasu McKenzie, young woman with severe learning disabili-ties has been able to

enjoy a much more active life.

Lasu, who lives in Barry, is a health care support worker for April Complete Care Solutions Ltd, based in Bridgend. At the Wales Care

Awards, she received a bronze in the category for supported living care practitioners. She was nominated by her manager Wendy

McKenzie.

The awards are organised by the Care Forum Wales, the main representative body of the care sector in Wales

giving ceremony was held at City Hall, Cardiff. The mother-of-two was born in Coventry and moved to south

and the glittering prize-

Wales 30 years ago. She entered the caring profession by an unusual route, having worked as a cleaner at a nursing home.

She was persuaded to become a carer at the home, and 10 years ago joined her present employers, working in the community.
"I never thought I

would be able to do the work, but I just love working one-to-one and getting to know all about the service-users I wendy.

care for," she said.
"I find the whole job so rewarding and I'm sure that when the time comes for me to retire I'll carry on doing something similar on a voluntary basis," she

added.

Wendy Duckworth said Lasu – the name came from her Bangladeshi father but she is known to her col-leagues as Sue – was an excellent role model for other staff, being totally committed to the wel-

fare of her clients.
"She is constantly monitoring the needs of her clients and involves herself in ensuring that referrals to health pro-fessionals are followed up whenever there are any concerns regarding her clients' equipment



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Camera club hears how to take better photographs

Camera Club are con- pictures interest. stantly striving to improve their photography, so the talk by Jennifer Cox entitled How to Take Better Pictures' was right up their street.

She broke the subject up into sections: compo-sition, how to put atmosphere into pictures and portraiture techniques, illustrating each with examples of her own

Although most of the work she showed was produced using traditional darkroom printing methods, she explained that most of the techniques and effects could be reproduced using digital cameras and

Photoshop. Some examples of unusual composition were shown, many of which relied on strong

MEMBERS of Barry diagonals to give the

Jennifer explained how some pictures could only be taken at certain times of the year. To emphasise the texture of sand on some of the beach pictures, for example, the picture had to be taken in the winter when the sun was low on the horizon.

In summer, the sunlight comes from overhead and the textures are flattened.

Some of the most interesting pictures Jennifer had to show were of cocklers digging for cockles on a beach

She spent nine months developing contacts among the cocklers until she found someone who would take her out with them to enable her to

TORY AM's SURGERY
DAVID MELDING, Conservative Assembly
Member for the South Wales Central region, will
be holding an advice surgery on Friday,
November 27, at 29 High Street, Barry, between
10am-11.30am.

No appointments are necessary and all are welcome to attend.

LIFEBOAT SHOP

THE Penarth Lifeboat Shop, The Esplanade, Penarth, will be open for the Christmas period. Cards, calendars and gifts, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoon, 2pm-4.30pm.

NEWS FROM BARRY MEN'S FORUM

An appeal to the curious: 'Just look around you!'

OUR speaker was Mr Roger Sellick, who covered an interesting and wide range of subiects.

His talk was meant to encourage members to use their eyes, and thus to have a curiosity for, and an understanding of, mundane objects that might otherwise be hid-

He feels that some of the most humble objects and buildings reveal themselves to be of tremendous interest when our curiosity about them is aroused.

Roger's hobby for several decades has been the study of indus-

trial archaeology. His colour slides revealed the hidden gems that are all around us and are too numerous to mention here in

detail. However, mention must be made of Porthcawl's old life-boat station now largely unknown in the town centre and missing a badly-needed blue plaque.

We also saw the old dissenting chapel in Herts, built with a porch which physically denied access for coffins at funeral services.

These had to be carried in upright, until a window was installed which allowed the coffin to be slid into the building in a more dignified horizontal posi-

This can still be seen, but few would realise its purpose! The forum was

shown an eclectic mix of old street furniture including, in Dorset hooks used until 1935 for dragging burning

thatch from cottage roofs

Old petrol pumps, interesting field boundaries, cast-iron road mileage indicators, mill stones in walls and iron seats with supporting 'hissing' serpents are all out there to be seen by the sharp-eyed.

Members even saw the oldest pillar box still in daily use in the UK.

This is also in Dorset and was erected in 1853 with a vertical slot. Today, (November

26) our speaker is Graham Penn whose talk is entitled 'A Welsh Quiz'

Meetings are held every Thursday at 10.30am. For further informa-

tion, please telephone 029 2059 4881. MAC TANNER

ous moments, it became apparent that the British Navy, throughout its illustrious past, has supplied the English language with many of its

LAST Thursday,

reminded to 'watch

In an illuminated talk

by Mr Roy Fisher, the audience was left gasp

ing at the realisation of

just where some of our

everyday sayings have originated from.

During many hilari-

members were

their language'!

sayings like 'being pickled', 'feeling groggy', 'the cat's out of the bag', and 'being caught between the devil and the deep blue sea'.
The connotation of

the nursery rhyme 'Jack and Jill' also left people

HISTORY SOCIE disbelief, and they will not look at the nursery rhyme in the same way ever again!

NEWS FROM THE

PENARTH LOCAL

It certainly was an exceptionally enjoyable evening and everybody learnt something.

The Penarth Local History Society meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Lesser Hall of All Saints Penarth lifeboats.

Church, Victoria Square, All are welcome, non-members £1.

The next meeting is on December 10 when local historian, Mr Alan Thorne, will talk about the history of the

TV switchover starts on 3 March.

Questions? Call 08456 50 50 50 (English language), 08458 48 48 48 (Welsh language).



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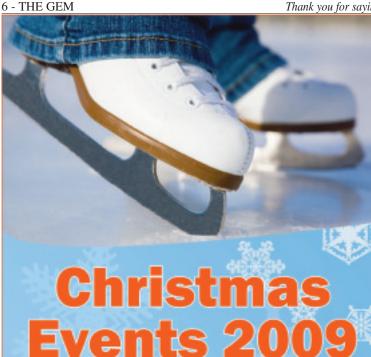
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Central Park, Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 December 10am - 4pm on Saturday and 10am - 3pm on Sunday

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BARRY ISLAND

WINTER WONDERLAND

From Saturday 5 December to Sunday 3 January 2010

Barry Island Square will be hosting a festive open air ice rink for the first time ever this Christmas. The synthetic ice rink will be open daily from 2pm to 8pm midweek outside of the school holidays and from 12noon to 8pm during the school holidays and weekends. Skating costs £3 per adult and £2.50 per child. Don't miss this unique experience of skating by the seaf

FESTIVE TRAINS

Saturday 5, 12 & 19 December, from 11am to 4pm

Travel in style to the Winter Wonderland! 'Barry Rail Centre - Tourist Railway' will be running a Christmas themed diesel train from the Good Shed Waterfront Station to the Barry Island Station. Free parking will be available at the Good Shed site. Cost will apply for travel and ticket includes refreshments.

For further details please call the Vale of 704737 or go online at www.visitthevale.com



Care home relatives are given more time to consider report

THE families of the residents of **Bryneithin Residential Care Home in** Dinas Powys were given an extra week by the Vale Council to consider a report into its future.

Last week, the Vale Council cabinet was due to discuss the proposals in the 120 page report, but

New choir is ready for debut

MORE than 50 singers who have ioined the Vale's new community choir are now busily rehearsing for their debut concert performance at St **Donats Arts Centre** on Sunday, December 6 at 4pm.

The St Donats Atlantic Chorale will be performing their first concert of carols from around the world, as well as a rare performance of Charpentier's Midnight Mass, based on

popular Christmas tunes. The choir, which has members hailing from all over the county, is led by choirmaster Carl Grainger, who is also director of the Welsh Sinfonia Chorus.

VALE PACT MEETINGS BARUC PACT, St Francis Millennium

Centre, Barry, today (November 26), 7.30pm. ILLTYD PACT, Mount Sorrel Hotel, today (November 26), 7pm. COFFEE and chat meeting, White Lion Public House, Ystradowen, December 1 11 30am GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, December 4. 11.30am. STANWELL PACT, All Saints Church Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, December 4, 7pm. SULLY PACT, Jubilee 8pm. RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, December 15. If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing or log onto www.ourbobby.com

Roadworksreport

Weston Square tunnel, Cardiff Road, Barry – ongoing road closure.

Pontypridd Street, junction with Mount Pleasant – ongoing footway restrictions in place. Sully Moors Road, Sully – re-surfacing works with temporary traffic control.

Both the response to the new choir and the sales for its first concert have been very enthusi-

He said: "I am thrilled by the way people from the local community have come forward eager to make music and sing within St Donats Arts Centre and Castle. "They are both

superb venues for choral music with magnificent spaces, perfect acoustics and an idyllic setting."

The choir's first per-formance follows last year's magnificent con-cert of Handel's Messiah which was conducted by Carl and performed by The Welsh Sinfonia and Chorus in St Donats Castle.

The new choir, which is still open to new members, attracted further support from the Vale Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, when it began rehearsing in the summer.

Further information on 01446 799100.

agreed to give the families more time to digest its

contents.

One of the main recommendations is closure of the home and offering residents the choice to go to Ty Dyfan, a home in Barry.

Cabinet member for social and care services, Coun Dorothy Turner, explained:

"This is a complex issue and we want to make decisions that are as well informed as possible.

"We understand very well the concerns that families have about the future care of their loved

nes.
"They have asked for more time to examine the

report and to put together their comments.
"We want to help and to listen, so I'm very pleased that the cabinet has granted this extra

The families were asked to submit their comments by 5pm on Wednesday, November 25.

The council's cabinet will now consider the report on Wednesday, December 2.

Last week in The GEM, Margot Farbrace, the chairman of the Keep Bryneithin Open Group, said she was still hoping the council might keep

Annual music competition

MUSIC in the Vale is holding its annual competition for young singers and instrumentalists this Saturday and Sunday, November 28-29 at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Colcot Road, Barry.

On Saturday, singers will perform before adjudi-cators during the day and the finalists will take part in an evening concert when the prizes will be

On Sunday, the instrumentalists will take part and as well as the soloists in the junior, intermediate and senior age groups. There will also be four ensembles in the competition.

The evening concerts provide an opportunity to hear promising young musicians perform.

As usual, Jane Hutt, AM, minister for education, will be attending both evening concerts.

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AST week, Wales hit the headlines with the publication of the report on the work of the 'All Wales Convention', chaired by Sir Emyr Jones Parry, former UN Ambassador to the UK Government.

Sir Emyr was given the challenging task of finding out what people in Wales thought about the current arrangements for the Welsh Assembly Government to develop policy and legislation to meet Welsh needs.

He chaired a convention, including people from all walks of life and all our major political parties, to consult and take on board the views of the people of

He held public meetings across the country, including one in Barry last summer.
In his foreword to the

report published last week, he said: "The future governance of our nation and how it should now move forward is a vital topic for Wales, Politics is bread and butter, and affects us all. Moreover, for me, it was an opportunity to put something back into Wales after a long peri-od representing the United Kingdom as a whole.'

The conclusions to the widespread debate and consultation are important. In summary, the report says that the people of Wales have accepted devolution,

and recognise that it represents some degree of self government.

Public attitudes appeared to have 'settled in favour of devolu-tion', with few supporting either independence or the arrangements we had before 1997 with the former Welsh Office.

The report says there appears to be significant appetite for increased devolution, with solid support for primary law-making powers.

The research undertaken by the convention showed 72 per cent favour the present or somewhat increased devolution. Sir Emyr says that the judgement of the convention is that a 'yes' vote for more powers is obtainable, but goes on to say, "but the evidence we have collected underlines that there can be no certainty about this"

The convention was set up as a commitment under One Wales to monitor public opinion and assess the levels of support to trigger a referendum on further law-making powers for the Assembly before the end of this term of the Assembly.

We now move to consider the report and its implications with a statement made by the First Minister Rhodri Morgan, on Tuesday in the Senedd leading to a debate in the New Year to test out this 'appetite' for further devolution.

One of the encouraging aspects of the con-vention was its engage ment with young people in Wales, via our

schools and youth

Our young people are gaining confidence about their opportunities to influence the Welsh Assembly, to make their voices heard and to give their views about the policies and services we develop and provide.

This was clearly the

case last Friday when we celebrated 'Children's Rights Day' in the Senedd as part of the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Earlier this year, I hosted a meeting of all the UK Children's min-isters in Cardiff and we agreed to make a joint statement on Children's Rights Day and this was published last Friday.

In the statement, we said that one of the most important goals is to make England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland the best places for all children and

young people to live.

As part of this, we are committed to working progressively towards implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

As well as launching the first Children's Advocacy and Advice Line in the UK and an Action Plan for implementing the UN
Convention in Wales, the First Minister, Children's Commissioner and I all spoke about the importance of promoting and applauding the contribu

tions of our young peo-ple in Wales, in their homes, schools and communities. Their commitment to

voluntary work, to supporting each other, to enjoying sport, leisure and cultural activities, as well as working hard to make good progress in their studies at school, college, in apprenticeships and university is manifest.

Children and young people often have to overcome many barriers and difficulties they experience in their lives. including social and financial inequalities which we are seeking to

tackle as a government.
This is where the work of the All Wales Convention is important. Could we do more

with more powers? I have successfully steered through a number of pieces of legisla-tion over the past few years to improve educa-tion and we have developed many new programmes, like the Foundation Phase. Welsh Baccalaureate and Flying Start.

We need to use all the levers and powers we have to make govern-ment work for our families, communities, businesses and the debate about the referendum must engage all those who want to see Wales develop in confidence for the good of all.

The First Minister, Rhodri Morgan, made an important speech at the Welsh Centre for International Affairs last week and in it he said:
"The first decade of
devolution in Wales has transformed the nation's relationship with the world and created a new confidence. Far from becoming more inward looking, devolution forced us, as a nation, to put our heads above the

parapet. "The kind of Wales I want to see is openminded, competitive but constructive, outwardlooking, responsible, engaged and adaptable.

If we act that way we'll be using the demonstrable strengths of our people."

Representing the Welsh Assembly Government and the UK Government at the European Education and Youth Councils in Brussels this week provided me with the opportunity of putting Wales centre stage, and I was privileged to play that part on behalf of the peo-

ple of Wales







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'Replace flood risk bridge in Dinas Powys' - Plaid AM

A PLAID regional Assembly Member has called for a bridge to be replaced in Dinas Powys "as a matter of urgency".

Chris Franks AM said he was concerned that the remedial work to the Cross Common Road bridge near Hebron Hall might make flooding in the area more likely.

Mr Franks explained: The bridge near Hebron Hall over the stream must be replaced as a matter of urgency.
"It is one of only two

roads, from the south side of Dinas Powys to the main road.

"Currently, it is propped up by timbers, as it has been weakened over the years. The substantial timbers narrow the river channel and increase the risk of flooding to nearby

"I campaigned with residents on this issue in the past when I was a Vale councillor, but there seems a lack or urgency from the Vale Council regarding this matter." Coun Chris Williams,

who represents the vil-lage on the Vale Council, and organised a meeting between residents, the Environment Agency and the Vale Council, added: "We are waiting for Welsh Water to relo

by TIM CHAPMAN



"A number of years

install a timber propping

bridge at Cross Common Road in order to safe-

"Regrettably, the tim-ber props used do slight-ly reduce the flow of water under the bridge

as does a gravity sewer pipe that spans the river

Mr Punter pointed out: "This reduction in flow could increase

water levels upstream in the vicinity of St

Cadoc's Avenue in cer-tain high water condi-

recently took place con-

cerning this matter involving myself, elect-

"As stated, a meeting

tions

neath the bridge sof-

ago it was necessary to

arrangement to the

guard the structure.

cate the sewer pipe. The pipe causes an obstruction that increases the flood risk, particularly with the heavy rain we have been getting. "Residents are living

in fear of flooding. The Vale Council and the Environment Agency promised to lobby Welsh Water for the necessary

changes. "The Vale Council and Welsh Water seem reluctant to act on behalf of the residents living in nearby St Cadoc's

Avenue." Miles Punter, the Vale's head of visible services, said: "St Cadoc's Avenue is located in a flood plain and is therefore more susceptible to flooding than other areas.

Assembly Member Chris Franks is calling for a bridge in Dinas Powys on Cross Common Road to be replaced to ensure nearby homes are not flooded.

ed members, a resident of St Cadoc's Avenue and a representative of the Environment Agency.

"It was agreed that a capital bid would be submitted to the council to address the problems with the Cross Common Bridge, and that a letter would be sent to Welsh Water requesting that they relocate their gravity sewer."

Mr Punter said he had

sent a letter to Welsh Water concerning the sewer pipe and was

awaiting a reply.

He added: "The council will shortly consider the capital bid for the replacement of the

bridge.
"At the meeting it was also agreed that a num-ber of flood management consultants would be contacted to establish if the properties in St Cadoc's Avenue can be made more flood resilient for the future.

"This was agreed, as regardless of the situa-tion with Cross Commo Bridge, the area would remain at risk of flooding in the future.
"This work is current-

CCTV aids five arrests

CCTV, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with five arrests in the week ending November 15.

CCTV contacted the police on 42 occasions, with one arrest made for breach of ASBO at Holton Road, Barry, (November 11). Three arrests were made at Vere Street, Barry – one for breach of bail conditions (November 12) and an additional two concerning criminal damage

(November 13). In addition, one arrest was made at Church Road involving criminal damage (November 14).

Read your GEM online at www.barrytoday.co.uk

Barry news in brief

Friends of Earth Castle meeting THE next meeting of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth will be on December 1. at 7.30pm, in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry

School panto BARRY Comprehensive School drama and music departments present the panto *Robin Hood*, on December 1-3, at **7pm.** *Tickets available from*

01446 411411.

There will also be a Christmas carol service at 7pm, on December 16, at All Saints Church. Dyspraxia

support THE next monthly meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be held on December 7, in Barry Hospital, Colcot Road, Barry, at 7.30pm.

The group provides support for children with dyspraxia and their families

At this meeting, there will be a presentation from Funky Dragon, and the group will be planning Christmas activities

St John table top sale THE St John Ambulance Barry division is holding a table top sale on Saturday. December 12, 12noon-4pm, at the St John Hall, Beryl Road (Gladstone Park).

Entrance (50p) includes a cup of coffee and festive mince pie. There is a chance to visit Santa (photo £1.50) and craft stalls, tombola, raffle, and nearly-new

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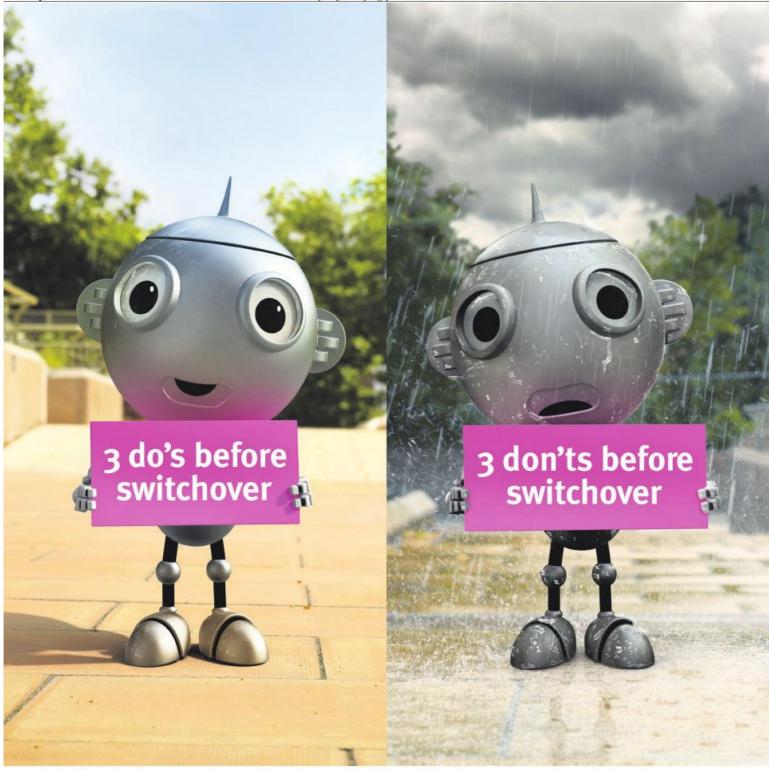
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Fines to bring message home?

ET again, another letter in The GEM about dog fouling and the owners doing nothing to clear it.

We are having this problem around Colwinston village and on our playing field, which is used by our local school, also our pre-school playgroup.

Having talked about this horrible subject with some of my senior citizen friends, we have come to the conclusion that should owners be reported and a fine of £1,000 ensued, it might bring home to people how serious this problem is.

CJ Hawkins, Colwinston

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Barry's Emma is recognised by the Care Forum Wales

has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and clients has received a prestigious award.
At a glittering cere-

mony in City Hall, Cardiff, Emma James was presented with a bronze award in this vear's Wales Care Awards, and several of her colleagues were there to lend their sup

The awards are organised by Care Forum Wales, the main representative body of the care sector in Wales, and Emma was nominated in the category for 'leader-ship and management in supported living servic-

She was nominated by area manager Keri Llewellyn, who said that Emma was respected by all who came into conact with her.

All Care's service users include young and old with physical and



Emma Iames.

mental disabilities, and Keri said that Emma had developed it into a service of which they were all truly proud, becom-ing a role model for all other care workers in the Further testimonials

were provided by col-leagues, some of whom referred to the understanding way in which she had responded to their own personal diffito prevent it affecting the level of service.

Home Care supervisor Wendy Harvey said Emma, a single mum with a nine-year-old daughter, ran the agency efficiently and effective-

Wendy said: "I find Emma approachable and supportive throughout any situation that may arise, whether personal or work-related.

After leaving school Emma, now 32, became a nursing auxiliary before joining All Care as a care worker in 2001. She was then promoted to supervisor and became a registered manager five years ago, having charge of about 50 members of staff.

Emma explained: "Although I am a manager I like to keep my hand in as a carer because I think it's important to keep in touch with the serviceusers and their needs

'CARING' ANN STRIKES GOLD AT NATIONAL AWARDS

A MUM from Barry, with a disabled son, who has used her personal experience to benefit others, has struck gold in a national awards scheme.

Single parent Ann Hopkins from Barry picked up the gold award in the annual Wales Care Awards, organised by Care Forum Wales, the main representative body of

the care sector in Wales. The prizegiving ceremony was held at City Hall, Cardiff, and Ann won in the category of 'Supported living practitioner

For the past two years Ann, 42, has worked for All Care (South Wales) Ltd, operating as a community care worker in the Barry area. She was previously employed in a local nursing home.

She has two sons, aged 12 and 14, the younger of whom is severely disabled, and at around the time he was

band through cancer. Ann feels strongly that having learned to cope with that situation

has proved invaluable in her current role, and her colleagues agree that she has that extra "some-thing" when it comes to recognising the needs of clients and their relatives.

Ann said: "It's true that I am aware of what a family can go through in trying to care for a loved one – it can turn your world upside down and it does help that I can understand.

She was nominated for the award by her manager Emma James, who described her as "an inspiration". Emma commented:

"We believe that she is an inspiration, committed to her role and providing service users with a thoughtful, high-quality service. Ann has been working

particularly closely with a young physically dis-abled woman, and her own personal experience has proved invaluable. She spends lengthy

who is in her 30s, but has also recently taken on extra work with a couple of other clients.
Emma said: "Ann has

great insight and depth of knowledge of empowering individuals to make choices while ensuring dignity, and providing the right and appropriate level of sup-

Ann Hopkins.

Despite her personal circumstances Ann had an excellent attendance record and always had a smile on her face.

Emma added: "She makes us feel quite humble and puts all our minor problems into per-spective."



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Gareth's 'silver service' wins care accolade

A BARRY chef who worked for the Hilton chain of hotels has brought silver service to a Cardiff care home.

Gareth Matthews, from Barry, who is head chef at the Shirehall home in Dumballs Road was presented with a bronze award at this vear's Wales Care Awards.

The awards are organised by Care Forum Wales, the main representative body of the care sector in Wales, and were held at City Hall,

Cardiff.
The 98-bed Shirehall, part of the Hallmark group, opened in October, 2007, and Gareth was appointed

head chef six months

He was nominated for the award by the home's general manager Kierron Walsh, who said that Gareth set very high standards for himself and his colleagues in the catering department, which benefited all the residents.

Kieron said: "He brings hotel-standard services, while working within a fairly strict budget, and it goes down very well with every-one," he said.

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ABOVE: Chef Gareth Matthews.

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me same name. Fellow director Nick Madge added: "The majority of our work comes from recommendations, and we would therefore like to thank all our customers past and present for supporting Dinas Windows and hope they will continue to do so in the future.

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FIRST COUPLE MOVE INTO A NEW HOME AT HENSOL CASTLE PARK

residential development based at Hensol Castle Park, which neighbours the Vale Hotel, golf, spa and leisure facility, has finishes inside the welcomed its first residents into their stunning new

apartment. The proud owners of No 1 Talbot House are Malcolm and Diane Sanders, originally from Penllyn, near Cowbridge. They were the first to complete and have now moved from the capital. into their new threebedroom apartment in the multi-million pound

residential scheme The couple, who were looking to down-size from their current home, were attracted by the size, quality and high specification and finish of the apartments at Hensol Castle Park, as well as its unique

location. With it, says Mr Sanders, is a home that will create an easy, happy and stress-free lifestyle. "We had been look-

ing for nearly four years, for something unique which would suit my wife and I and

that our daughter, who is studying at university, can have as her base well. The quality of these properties is what attracted us - they are very spacious, are obviously in a great loca-tion, plus the beautiful apartment were just what we were looking

for.
"We are very excited about moving in and starting a new life here. We loved the fact that each apartment is uniquely designed and being based here means we are only 20 minutes

Mr Sanders is a keen golfer and the fact that the golf, spa and leisure facilities of the Vale Resort are in walking distance, was a bonus

"We will be making the most of this great location, you couldn't really ask for more in terms of a lifestyle

The luxury 58-apartment scheme is part of the multi-million pound redevelopment of the grade one listed 17th Century Hensol Castle and its grounds into one of the most prestigious boutique hotel, spa and residential schemes in Wales

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Left to right: Stephen Leeke, Malcolm Sanders, Julie Turner (back), Hannah Sanders, Diane

of spectacular and his-torical parkland, phase two of the apartments was launched this autumn, with phase one already completely sold. A total of 18 apartments have now been sold since the launch this summer.

The Hensol Castle Park development, costing an estimated £35m, will see the stunning Hensol Castle transformed into a 50-bed exclusive five-star hotel with an adjoining residential spa, as well as the conversion of a number of buildings within the grounds into of 58 spacious designled apartments.

The scheme is being developed and released by the owners of the neighbouring Vale Resort, the Leekes Group - an independent, family-run group of leisure and retail businesses owned by group chairman, Gerald Leeke.

Managing director of the Vale Resort and the new Hensol Castle Park, Stephen Leeke, personally handed over the keys to the scheme's first occupiers. He said: "We are delighted to welcome Mr and Mrs Sanders – our very first home-owners to the Hensol Castle Park scheme and wish them a very happy and comfortable life in

their new home. "The scheme has progressed at a pace and we are very pleased by the sales to date, given how the market has been.

Prices start from £290,000 up to £485,000.

Local pupils take part in anti-bullying workshops

Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan recently took part in interactive workshops to learn more about bullying and its effect on individuals.

The Respect Tour roadshow highlighted collaboration between the Welsh Assembly Government and the Welsh Anti- Bullying Network, as part of National Anti-bullying

Bridgend and Barry pupils from primary and secondary schools, teachers, support staff and local education authority professionals all took part in the workshops.

These were led by charities and organisations supporting the Assembly Government project, including Children in Wales; Swansea Children Matters, the office of the Children's Commissioner for Wales, and the Bridgend cent. Cyber-bullying Bus

Pupils were challenged about their own behaviour in relation to bullying and given guidance on how to tackle bullying if they experi-enced it, or saw somebody else as a victim.

Lynda Mattravers, school councillor at Ynysawdre Comprehensive School praised the roadshow, saving: "Bullving is a constantly evolving issue. At our school we have clear anti-bullying policies in place, thanks to guidance from the

Assembly. "However, it's really useful to have an interactive day like this, where we can familiarise ourselves once again with the issues and learn about new practices to stop bullying. "The children and

young people can really get involved – it makes all the difference.

"The workshops I think are a huge success Bullying is simply unac-ceptable, and we can never become compla-

Catherine Jones (15),

WI carol service

A CHRISTMAS carol service will be held by

Barry WI, at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church,

St Pauls Avenue, Barry, on Friday, December

18, at 7.30pm, with Barry Brass Band. All are

For further details, contact the secretary on 01446 410139.

from Ynysawdre Comprehensive School, Bridgend, said: "I really enjoyed getting involved in the anti-bullying workshops.
"They were really

informative, and as a member of the school council, I'm looking forward to taking what we've learnt back into the school.'

The Minister for Children and Education. Jane Hutt, AM for the

matter how hard we work to tackle bullying, it is still a problem that some individuals have to face every day.

"Eradicating bullying in all its forms is our goal for the Welsh Assembly Government, and I thank the Welsh Anti-Bullving Network for their support to help achieve this

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NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

School says welcome to action-packed year-6 day

ARRY Comprehensive School recently played host to almost 300 year-6 pupils for an action-packed day to introduce the boys to the school.

The science department took over the school hall with a large scale experiment on transport that featured hovercraft and a hot air balloon – and the occasional explosion!

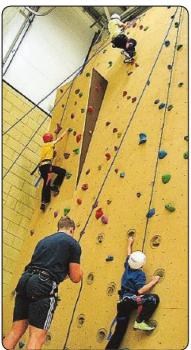
The art department ran a very innovative proj-

ect producing colourful masks and ties. In terms of physical skills, pupils were spoilt for choice. The drama studio became a street dancing

venue, while the sports hall offered climbing and

There was also plenty of music on offer. Pupils were treated to a rock workshop in the learning resource centre and drumming in the music department, while the canteen resounded to the sounds of samba.

Feedback from the students judged the day to be a fantastic success. Thanks to everyone involved for contributing to a great day.



Pupils reach for the top in the sports hall.



The hot air balloon climbs to the ceiling.



ABOVE: Pupils made colourful masks and ties in art.



Another attention-grabbing demonstration in the hall.



Drumming in the music room.



En garde - fencing in the sports hall.

Flat Holm weekend for Barry school pupils

ON a warm, dry, calm October day, pupils from B a r r y
Comprehensive
School (and three
adults) set out for Flat Holm Island in the Bristol Channel with lots of activities arranged it was sure to be an exciting and busy week-

end.
There were plenty of chances to walk around the island and learn about its history, and also about the conservation pro-gramme which is in force.

The boys learnt survival techniques, such as building fires and shel-

Global Aquarium' activists they studied how what they did as individuals held held as individuals held held held as individual als had an impact on our planet.

Armed with plastic gloves and bin bags, the boys picked up litter washed up on Coal Beach.

They then recorded the information, which will be added to that collected from other parts of the

UK.
On the feedback form for Alex, the warden, and the Flat Holm team, the boys declared that the weekend had been "better than excellent

They felt that it was a



ters, about which berries and plants were safe to eat, and how difficult was to catch a rabbit!

In classroom-based 'Global Footprint' and 'Global Augurum' edit would be a concerned and support to the concerned and the concerned

ABOVE: One of the island's impressive solar panels.



ABOVE: The Flat Holm group outside their farmhouse accommodation. BELOW: Fire lighting was part of survival skills training.





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AUDIENCES were delighted during November with the latest St Cyres **School production** Oliver!

This musical extravaganza, packed with lively and dramatic singing, along with some first class acting, was performed in the school over two nights. St Cyres School has

a strong tradition of excellent music and drama productions, and this year was no exception.

The resounding success was the result of carefully nurtured talents and an outstanding commitment from all the staff and pupils.

In the leading roles, Zhane Bartlett played Oliver Twist alongside Elliott Thorne, who played Fagin. Emily Thorne played Nancy and Josh Davey-Stewart played The



Artful Dodger. However, as with all productions, it was a team effort, which included a cast from year-7 through to year-12 – and a host of backstage technicians.

The production was a memorable experience for all those involved and had tremendous backing from staff and pupils

who have worked on this production for many months.

In particular, a spe-cial thank you must go to director Mrs Amanda Sweet, musical director Mrs Becky Fowler Thomas, and assistant musical director, Mr Richard Hopkin, for making these opportunities available to



Lively Barney loves his off-lead gallop!

The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre

THIS WEEK: Barney is a lovely dog and lots of fun, savs a centre spokeswoman.

'He loves his off-lead gallops around the field. and is also very good on the lead. He gets on with other similar sized dogs, and would benefit from living with another dog for company.
"He's suitable with

children aged eight vears and over, but he's not suitable to live with cats.

"We have several greyhounds looking for nomes at the moment, so if you would love a leggy friend, please

Fairtrade in Dinas

RESIDENTS from the Dinas Powys area supported a recent Fairtrade shopping evening by spending more than £700 on fairly traded goods.

The local Fairtrade group has recently submitted an application to the Fairtrade Foundation in London for Fairtrade village status, and is currently awaiting a decision.

come and visit!" a

spokeswoman adds. For more information on Barney or any of the other dogs who are looking for a good home, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Court Colman, Peny-fai, Bridgend or phone on 01656 725219. Barney and some of his friends are on the website at www.dogstrust.org.uk (click on Rehoming).



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A spokeswoman for Swan of minutes. Rescue South Wales said: "On the "The following day, we took Wednesday we got a call to say a him to Swindon for specialist be contacted on 07802 472788 if dog had attacked a swan at the treatment but sadly he died someone sees a swan in distress.

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The spokeswoman added that

Swan Rescue South Wales has contacted the Vale Council to inform it of the attack, which had clearly emphasised the need for owners to keep dogs on a lead.

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'Shopping in Llantwit's close community is an altogether more friendly and civilised experience'

HE centrepiece of Llantwit Major's Christmas celebrations will be the switching on of the decorative lights on Saturday, December 5.

This eagerly-anticipated ceremony will be the culmination of a collaboration this year between the town council and the chamber of trade to organise the lights.

The events get under way from about 2pm, when Father Christmas arrives in his grotto at the Town Hall.

There is also a funfair in the adjoining car

park for the children to enjoy.

A craft fayre and farmers' market takes place

in the precinct, where entertainment starts at 2.30pm, organised by Major Music and Stage Door 1. There will also be some community carol singing.

At 5.10pm, Father Christmas will take part in a lantern parade from the town hall to the precinct, and it is hoped that many local residents and children will turn up with their

lantern. The lights will be switched on at 5.30pm in a ceremony conducted by the Mayor of Llantwit Major, Coun Russell Downe.
Llantwit traders hope that the events of the

afternoon will draw in a substantial crowd who will boost trade in the town.

Chamber secretary Janet Moisan said that it had been a difficult year because of the credit crunch, but businesses were hopeful of a much more prosperous 2010 because of the 'Metrix

"We hope that the arrival of thousands more people to live in the area will stimulate new businesses, who have previously ignored Llantwit Major, to take another look and set up shop in the town," she commented.
"That will give a wonderful boost to traders

and residents alike."

One of the new shopkeepers in the town this rear is Stuart Sloan who took over his mother's clothing shop in the precinct when she retired.

He is optimistic about the future: "Llantwit, like other smaller towns, has advantages over big city centres and shopping malls. Our main asset is accessibility, with the shops being a few yards from one of the town's two free car parks. "We also have good rail connections and are

close to the railway station.

Mr Sloan said that Llantwit Major offered a personal service to shoppers and a very friendly atmosphere – which often contrasted with the hustle and bustle of large shops, where staff are too busy to take any interest in an individual

shopper.
"We draw people from outside Llantwit anyway," he explained. "People come in from places like Rhoose, St Athan and even Barry and

lanterns. There will be a prize for the best child's Sully. They like the town's friendliness and they are also impressed by the number of restaurants and pubs serving good food at affordable prices Eating is a big part of shopping these days.

Mr Sloan added that other visitors to the

shops include the walkers and tourists drawn to Llantwit by its historical heritage and coastline.

Llantwit has a surprising range of shops selling many items suitable for Christmas presents including clothing, scarves, bags, slippers, jew-

an impressive

new shop,

selling a wide range

of gifts and acces-

sories, including:

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ice! The business is

itive coach, who has

returned to Llantwit

Major after owning a

shop here 10 years ago.

Ant said: "It was

always my intention to

come back and open a

shop that offered some-

thing unique, so I have

range of products to suit

"Llantwit Major is a

beautiful town, with tra-ditional buildings and

lots of small shops that

offer something different

combined my psychic

services with a great

all ages.

owned by Ant Edwards,

a renowned psychic intu-

Janet pointed out: "We can offer shoppers an The Zenergy

"Shopping in Llantwit Major is an altogether more civilised experience and what better way to shop has many end the day than with a nice cappuccino, meal or glass of wine!" she added.

alternative to the overheated, overcrowded stores, which become almost unbearable as Christmas approaches.

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to the new

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It would be fabulous if the community can embrace the vigour of this new management and bring the pub back into the hub of the vil-

I think maybe the secret to the success of the Blacksmiths may have been found! Welcome!

L Thomas, Llantwit Major

'Orange Friday' theme for Children in Need!

UPILS at All the whole infant Saints Church department played in Wales School swapped Welcome their smart red uniforms for bright orange gear on Friday for Children in Need.

The theme was 'Orange Friday' and the whole school wore orange and took part in orange-related fun

The reception pupils nade orange jelly and

team games such as carrot relay. Year-6 created a line of pennies all round

their new classroom and the staff sponsored headteacher Richard Ware and other staff members to dress as pumpkins for the day.

Everyone had a great time and £364 was raised for Children in Need.

RIGHT: Isn't the green bowl cheating by not wearing orange?

BELOW: The classes really enjoyed their Orange Friday fun, which helped to raise £364 for Children In Need.











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Rhoose gets ready for Christmas

COMMUNITY SPIRIT IS THE KEY FACTOR AS RHOOSE LOOKS FORWARD

ITTLE by little, and almost unnoticed, the 'village' of Rhoose has grown so much over the last 15 years that it should lage really be described

as a small town. Its population is now estimated at around 7,000, which certainly takes it way past the modest numbers normally associ-

ated with a rural vil-However, Rhoose

has only two Vale councillors, and no town council, and some residents feel that the community is under-represented compared to, for instance, Cowbridge (three Vale councillors) and Dinas Powys

For many years, Rhoose probably suffered from being seen as the village that was on the fringes of the airport. It still is, of course, and only last year, when on my way

by PHILIP IRWIN

to fly from Cardiff Airport, I took the train from Bridgend, and then the shuttle bus from Rhoose, it was possible to still think of it as just a signpost on the way to foreign climes.

However, it is far more than that, and residents made their choice to live there because of its uniquely attractive surroundings, on the plateau that looks out over the

LEFT:Tracey Prince and Laura Whitley of The Velvet Touch have an impressive selection of bath bombs, soaps, oils and gift sets, all beautifully wrapped for your Christmas stocking!

Bristol Channel, and because of the genuine air of a rural village community that still exists

The large turnout on Remembrance Sunday, which was featured in The GEM, is testament to its community spirit.

This was confirmed by Coun Jeff James, a long-standing councillor for Rhoose. He told The GEM: "We had 150 in the parade, and more than 200 at the service. There was also a contingent of serving Armed Forces personnel.

He continued: "I do

think that the number of organisations and self-help groups in Rhoose illustrate what is good about the community and its spirit.

"They give great help to the local school as well. Add to that the beautiful coastline, and it makes Rhoose a great place to live!"

Rhoose businesses do their bit to keep the community vibrant, and many people find that there is little need to trek to the out-oftown stores, as the local traders are well tuned in to their needs

Another landmark business in the area is the Egerton Grey Hotel, and when The

GEM called, owner Richard Morgan-Pryce was just running through his annual check-list of films that had been filmed there and famous faces who had staved.

There is often a time lag, of course. Only two weeks ago, the hotel featured in the antiques show Flog It! – although it was early this year that the filming took place.

The final episode of the last season of Belonging was also

filmed at the Egerton and in 2010 it should feature on the big screen, as Mister Nice, a movie based on the life of Kenfig Hillborn drug dealer Howard Marks, has been filming there.

Cast and crew stayed at the hotel for several days while key scenes in the film

were shot. Away from the silver screen, a certain David Cameron has also stayed there.
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PUPILS at Rhws

Primary School had

the day of their

Rhoose gets ready for Christmas

Personal service is what counts when it comes to local shopping

FROM PAGE 16) LOCAL traders, of course, have a vital role to play in any community, as was recognised when a Rhoose shop assistant recently received a huge accolade.

Annette Harrison, who works at the Spar store, was awarded the title of 'Sales Assistant of the Year' - recognising how someone in a shop can do far more for their customers than just take their money. Her manager at the



Spar super assistant . Annette Harrison.

Rhoose Spar, Chris David, said the award was totally deserved.

He explained: "She is

so helpful to customers. If an elderly person arrives on a scooter, she will help them in and go round to help as they

Shops can so often help 'glue' their community together, by keeping track of regular customers and giving isolated people a pre-cious social contact.

Church communities play a major role in building community spirit in the village. This Sunday, there will be an advent carol serv-ice at 6pm at St Curig's

Church, Porthkerry. There will be a 'mini Christmas fayre' at Rhoose Community Hall on Saturday, December 12, from

noon until 5pm. A Taize Service will take place at 6pm on Sunday, December 13, at 6pm, while on December 20 (at 9.45am) there will be a Sunday school Nativity

at St Peter's, Rhoose,

Also playing a strong role in the community is Rhoose Lifeguard Club, and the club holds its annual carol service in the Stewart Road Community Hall on Friday, December 18.

This event starts at 6.30pm and will be in aid of the NSPCC children's charity.

Rhws pupils' pyjama party with a difference for Children in Need



RECEPTION CLASS.



Children also paid for 'teacher dares', with each teacher performing the favourites at the end of the day.

"The school had great fun and raised almost £500 for Children in Need!" a spokesperson report-

LEFT: The year-2 boys gave a big thumbs-up to both the pyjama party, and also raising money for Children in Need.







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Getting ready for Christmas!



ABOVE: Richard Morgan-Pryce, of Egerton Grey, alongside their Christmas tree.

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WHAT'S ON - in brief Country crafts

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Valeways walk

SUNDAY, November 29, 2pm, Aviation walk. Start at Porthkerry Park Café car park, Barry. Telephone Valeways office on 01446 749000 for further information.

Colwinston fayre A CHRISTMAS fayre is being held at Colwinston Village Hall on Monday, November 30, from 7pm. Contact Emma on 01656 750606 or info@emmahalldesigns.co.uk for details.

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

UP THE SAVAGE HILL CATHEDRAL OF THE FOREST

three likely lads joined Roger Hill at Monmouth on an overcast morning;

Monmouth or Trefynwy (town on the Monnow) is a border town where the rivers Wye and Monnow meet and where Henry V, who later went on to win the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, was

Leaving from just below the magnificent 13th century stone-gated bridge that has now been pedestrianised since the

old cattle market was demolished and a second the furnace in Redbrook bridge built over the Monnow, they crossed the recreation field and took the underpass to eventually cross the River Wye by way of the stone bridge.

As they tramped the meadows beside the River Wye, a fine drizzle set in that accompanied them all the way to Lower Redbrook.

The first brass in this country was made in Tintern, but in 1566 wire-making followed with mills situated on tributaries of the lower Wye valley including Redbrook

A copper works was

Driftwood cut

AN exhibition at Coed Hills Rural Artspace runs until January 8, and includes unusual paintings by Lynette Margerison.
'Conversations with the Earth part 2 Down on the

Beach', will be open from 11am-3pm.

The paintings have been made over the past two

years on pieces of driftwood thrown up on Southerndown beach.

"They are a response to the mixture of emotions thrown up by the enormity of the ecological and human challenge facing my family and families all over the world," the artist says.

Valeways AGM

VALEWAYS will be holding their annual gener al meeting, on Tuesday, December 15, at YMCA Hub, Court Road, barry, from 3pm-4.30pm.

To attend, telephone their office on 01446 749000 or email carolyn@valeways.org.uk no later than Tuesday, December 8.

established by 1691 and used coke for smelting iron ore from the Forest of Dean by 1716. In fact, the copper industry only failed when a large works was built at

Leaving the river behind to climb up a flight of steps, the group picked up a track which led them into a broad valley past Glyn Farm.

Swansea.

The autumnal colours that dressed the trees more than made up for the dismal weather conditions and they fol-lowed the contours of the hillside to meet up with a metalled road.

As they climbed grad-ually up through the vallev, the weather started to clear and the majestic tower of the church in Newland came into view in the distance.

A short but steep climb up the aptly-named Savage Hill saw them emerging into Newland, where the village is dominated by the tall ornate towered 13th century All Saints Church, described as the Cathedral of the Forest'

Within the church is an old brass engraving known as the 'Miner's Brass' – showing a Forest miner with a candle in his mouth, pick-axe in his hand and a

The churchyard made an apt stop for lunch, as they resisted the urge to sample the delights of the Ostrich Inn, deriving from the ostrich emblem used by the Probyns, local landowners from previous times.

Gathered around the church are the almshouses founded by a London haberdasher in the

Leaving the village, a cold penetrating wind swept over them as they crossed fields before reaching shelter in woodland.

Emerging at Upper Redbrook, they followed Offa's Dyke path climb-ing gradually to reach the National Trust picnic site and view point at the Kymin 840-feet above sea level.

At the Kymin stands the Naval Temple built in 1800, a Georgian structure commemorating 16 Admirals of the British navy and also the Round House – painted white so it is a wellknown landmark for miles around.

This Georgian banqueting house, built in 1794, was used by the local gentry and its claim to fame is that

Lady Hamilton had

breakfast there in 1802.
There are glorious views to be had over Monmouth and across to Sugar Loaf Mountain and the Black Mountain beyond and these were enjoyed while the group stopped for refreshment. before taking the steep descent through Garth Wood and retracing their steps back to Monmouth town.

On November 28 meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for an eightmile moderate walk at Peterston and Hensol; contact Rachel on 01446 410545. On November 29,

meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a seven-mile mod/hard walk at Waun Fach; contact Peter on 029 2070

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups'

walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

The sisters who light up the sky!

the Astro Observers Group in Barry have not remained idle; summer months are never ideal for observing because of the short nights and because the Sun is never far below the horizon, but the dark long nights have returned and we have been busy.

Recently, while observing with the group, I photographed the magnificent star cluster Pleiades, also known as the Seven Sisters. This is a group of closely related stars which are gravitationally bound to one another and have only recently formed - recent in astro nomical terms of course. in reality they are several million years old.

Because of their youth, they shine brilliantly blue-white and the original cosmic gas and dust cloud from which they coalesced is still retained as nebulosiaround the main stars of the group, as can be seen from the attached photograph.

The Pleiades are easy to observe and photograph, but need a wide field. A telescope like mine does have a suffi-



Pleiades, also known as the Seven Sisters.

ciently wide field and my canon-40D camera attached to the telescope offered ample range by virtue of its huge digital sensor. An astronomical camera on a long focus telescope would struggle to get this cluster in its field of view.

Pre-planned observing sessions are all too frequently cancelled because of our uncertain weather, therefore much of our observing hap-pens with ad-hoc sessions which are called on the spur of the moment when clear skies are about – and they do frequently occur.

The ad-hoc sessions are shown on the day on the Cardiff Astronomical Society website on the home page, as well as the observing page, and those keen to observe

should check the website on days which promise a clear night. Pre-planned sessions are also shown on the website.

The forthcoming

months through winter into spring will bring spectacular deep sky objects into view and everyone is welcome to peer at them through our telescopes.

Regular keen observers receive a telephone call from me whenever an ad-hoc session is on, but I have now discontinued calling those on the observer's list who are seldom or never able to make the sessions.

For more information visit the website: www.cardiff-astronomi cal-society.co.uk, or call me on 07855352147.

MARC DELANEY



FESTIVE LOOK AT HOLTON ROA



Holton Road reinvents itself as business people realise their ambitions

YEAR ago, the recession had hit Holton Road with a vengeance. The guillotine was hanging over Woolworths's workers - to fall in January - and a number of other

businesses were

forced to shut up shop.

Now 12 months later, a new, optimistic picture is emerging – Holton Road is reinventing itself once

more. The Woolworths site has been taken over and new retailers have opened their doors.

you can see from our Holton Road fea-

ture, the charge is being led by experi-enced entrepreneurs like Ferda of La Cucina and Faye Ruckley of Ruckleys, along with resilient individuals like photographer Mark Osman and Hydropowers' Lewis Prangley, who are determined to

realise their dreams Faye told The GEM: product at the right price people would still rather shop in Barry

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A FESTIVE LOOK AT HOLTON RO

As big names move into Holton Road, business people see brighter future



ABOVE: Ferda, Anthony and Anita will be giving Christmas shoppers a warm welcome in

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TWO of Barry's most experienced business people are confident that as Wales emerges from recession. Holton Road has a bright future.

La Cucina is a stylish café that evokes the continental atmosphere of Paris or Barcelona.

For busy Christmas shoppers on Holton Road who want to stop off for a coffee and a bite to eat, it's the perfect haunt.

Ferda, the owner, said: "It doesn't surprise me that there are new businesses springing up locally. Recessions are well known for bringing out the entrepreneurial spirit.

"People who have been made redundant often seize the opportu-nity to do something they may have dreamed of doing for years."

Ferda has as inexpensive a menu as people could wish for – tea starts at £1.25, coffee £1.45 and breakfast £2.95. There's a huge range of paninis and meals all around just £4 £51

Ferda explained: "We've made everything

as reasonably priced as we possibly could, as a concession to the present

Faye Ruckley, the owner of Ruckleys, the popular nursery equip-ment and baby shop, said that recent 'big name' arrivals in Holton Road had made a differ-

ence to how busy it was. "In recent weeks, Tescos and The 99p Store have opened and the footfall has increased significantly.
"The last year has

been tough, but we've responded by being as competitive with our products as possible.

"If stores get the right product at the right price people would still rather shop in Barry than go all the way into Cardiff."

This festive season, Faye is also bringing Father Christmas to Holton Road.

She explained: "Father Christmas will be in his grotto in the store on Saturdays and Sundays during December from 12noon

to 4pm.
"It's £5 for a present, sweets and a balloon, and it's a great chance for people to bring a camera and capture the children's delight!"

Plants growing in your house?

NO, NOT 'THE DAY OF THE TRIFFIDS', IT'S HOLTON ROAD'S HYDROPOWER!

HYDROPOWER is quite simply one of the most original businesses to arrive in Barry for many

Owner Lewis Prangley is bringing the hydroponic concept to the town for the indoor gardener.

Approximately, 90 per cent of all cut fresh flowers purchased in the UK are hydroponically grown, and 65 per cent of fruit and veg from supermarkets are grown in hydroponic systems. It sounds like some-

thing from The Day of the Triffids, but Lewis, a keen gardener since childhood, explained that the shop has everything to get people start-ed in a fascinating pas-

"Hydropower is the fastest growing supplier of hydroponic equipment - from grow tents to grow lights, extractor fans to carbon filters, and hydroponics systems to nutrients and boosters.

"A large volume of hydroponic food can be grown rapidly in a small So what can people grow? – Well, vegeta-bles, flowers, fruit, pep-pers, herbs, orchids and tropical plants

In hydroponics, the water, nutrients and air needed by a plant to grow are mainlined directly to the rootball, freeing the plant to use its available energy in its upper leaf, fruit or

flower development. Lewis said: "We've got starter kits at £125, which would make a great Christmas present for gardeners, and the range goes up to allsinging, all-dancing deluxe kits."

For many people who get involved in hydro-ponics, there's a dual purpose, the joy of growing something allied to having an aesthetically pleasing feature in the house.

People are already travelling to the shop from all over south Wales, and Lewis added: "People don't have to be baffled by the science, just come in and we'll give you all the advice you need."



ABOVE: Lewis Prangley, the owner of Hydropower, is a fount of knowledge about hydroponics, and his enthusiasm for the hobby shines through.



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FESTIVE LOOK AT HOLTON RO

siness dreams come true on Holton Road!

ENTREPRENEURS in Barry town centre are fulfilling their personal dreams by bringing exciting new business ideas to Thompson Street and Holton Road.

It's more than 12 months since the credit crunch assailed Britain, but paradoxically, in adversity many people have seen it as their chance to forge a new future for themselves





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30 years I'd been an enthusiastic amateur photographer – I'd done the usual photos, holidays, family

members and scenery.
"I'd also photographed my sister-in-law's wed ding in Aberystwyth and that set me thinking about whether photography was a way forward for me." On November 28, Mark's new company Still

Images is due to open in Thompson Street.

"It is 'Still Images trading in Chris John Picture Framing'. Chris works at the rear of the property and I've renovated the shop area – the two businesses are complementary and it is very exciting

To get to the point of opening his business, Mark has immersed himself in photography.

"To start, I bought a book by the south Wales photographer, Mark Cleghorn. I then managed to get a £2,500 government grant and when Mark saw some of my work he agreed to train me. After fac-

ing redundancy, I now have a new future."

A year ago, things appeared bleak for Mark, but the last 12 months have been a voyage of discov-

"I found out a lot about the good nature of people. There are a lot of nice people out there – not just a cruel world."

Still Images on Thompson Street is the place to go if you want a wedding shoot done, a picture of a child's birthday or a family portrait.

"All people have to do is pop in to have a chat

with me about what they want done," said Mark.

On the other side of Thompson Street, a young entrepreneur, Lee Grindlay, has set up the trendy Custom Ink Tattoo Studio.

Just four weeks ago, Lee held a grand opening with two members of the Cardiff Devils, Matt

Miller and Matt Towe doing the honours.

Lee, aged 21, who used to work on the money exchange desk at Cardiff Airport, said: "Custom

Mark Osman is an inspiring case in point. Mark explained: "In November, 2008, I was made redundant after 25 years with a firm in Cardiff.
"I was 47 and thought: 'What can I do now?' For

"I can produce a sketch for someone to see. If it is something simple, we can go ahead straight away. If it is something more complicated, I can do a sketch for someone to come back and see, and then make an appointment to have it done."

Lee's clientele ranges from people in their late teens to early 60s

Custom Ink Tattoo Studio's tattoos start at as litthe as £20, but the studio also sells a range of body jewellery, jumpers and t-shirts.

Lee added: "If someone wants to give a family member a gift that's a little bit different, we're

doing special gift vouchers for Christmas."

On Holton Road, mother and son team Ann and Simon Jones have just opened Kiatu – Swahili for shoe – after relocating from Brixham in Devon.
Simon said: "We offer comfortable, stylish

ranges. As an independent shop we have control over what we order, and it gives us a flexibility that

the chains don't have."

Ann pointed out: "One of our most popular ranges is West County Clogs which come in a variety of bright colours.

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Simon said: "We decided to relocate because Brixham is a place that seems to be living in the past and we believe Barry town centre will be thriving.

"The new Tesco store has already made a difference to the footfall in Holton Road.

'We've got family in Porthcawl and Blaenavon, and we're still by the sea in Barry so it hasn't been a difficult move!

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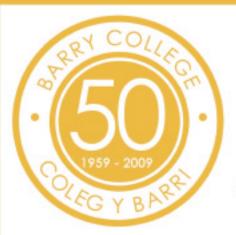
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Barry College is celebrating 50 years of it's life and work at the heart of the community in the Vale. Each month in the Gem, Barry College will be looking back over the last 50 years – with memories and photographs from past students, staff and local residents. A dedicated website www.barry.ac.uk/50 includes even more. To contribute memories, photographs or register as a past student or staff member, go to the website or contact us email: 50years@barry.ac.uk or tel: 01446 725015



Gillian with her original Barry College scarf and copy of 'Horizon', the student magazine in 1962

"I remember..." Gillian Arthur, student 1960 - 1962

Gillian attended Barry College in 1960, in its second year. She recalls the prestige of being a Barry College student, "In those days, it meant a lot to gain a place at Barry College. I was delighted to be accepted onto the secretarial course."

Gillian still has a copy of the Barry College student magazine "Horizon", which was published when she was a student, in 1962. Gillian can remember most of the students who contributed to the magazine. Along with this, Gillian also has an original 1960 official Barry College scarf – these used to be offered for sale to the students, "The magazine and scarf have travelled with me to different places over the years, when I have moved house. They have been kept safe under the bed in my house and so are still in very good condition."

Gillian remembers that what is now the College reception area, used to be the canteen, "On the day that Princess Margaret got married in 1960, the students were given special permission to take an extended lunch so that we could gather around the television in the canteen and watch the wedding take place. We watched for 3 hours, but then it was straight back to class, where we had to work extra hard to make up for lost time. It was worth it though!"

Overall, Gillian has fond memories of her time as a student at Barry College, "I remember that I always had a fun time in class. I remember one lecturer, Betty Blow – her classes were particularly fun, other lecturers were more strict but I still enjoyed every class.

"Back then, the Callege was smaller, with a lot less students and staff. Everyone knew each other, there was a real community spirit. Without my course at the Callege, I would not have been successful in my career that followed. When I first left, I gained a good job in banking and earned an impressive wage of £50 per month!"



Barry College Technical Engineering Apprentices 1962. Photo supplied by Ted Evans (appears front row second from left)



Barry College staff enjoying a break at The Three Horseshoes 1962. Photo supplied by Ken Trevtthick, past staff member.

Do you have a special memory or story about Barry College?

Do you have any photographs of Barry College taken over the years?

Whether a past student, member of staff, friend of the College or local resident - we all share in the College's heritage.

All those who contribute photographs or written memories will receive a thank you letter and commemorative gift. The website www.barry.ac.uk/50 also includes details of planned activities and events through the academic year to allow all who wish to participate in celebrations the opportunity to do so.

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Out and About with **The**

Ben (and cello) will star in orchestra's winter concert...

THE winter concert by the Dinas Powys Orchestra, conductor Antony Tarlton, will be held on December 13 at 7.30nm in the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys, and also on December 14 at Bradenstoke Hall, Atlantic

College, St Donats.
This year, the orchestra is delighted to announce that 14-year-old Ben Tarlton will be the guest soloist playing Elgar's Cello Concerto

Ben is an exceptional ly talented musician, who already has an impressive collection of

musical achievements.

He lives in Llantwit Major and has played the cello since he was five years old, achieving a distinction in his grade 8 examination in April

2007 at the age of 11. In December 2007, Ben was selected to play in the under-13s National Children's



Orchestra and played on the first desk for several concerts. He has been re-selected for the year 2009 to play in the main orchestra.

He was the winner of the junior section of the 'Music in the Vale' competition held in November 2007 and won several medals and won several medals and trophies for performances in the South Glamorgan Festival for young Musicians held in May 2008.

In January 2009, he achieved four gold medals for first prizes in the Swansea Festival for Young Musicians, for the second year running. Three of these classes

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Christmas Fayre

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and the arrival of Father Christmas: Starts 2,00pm from West House, Stanwell Road making it's way up to Town Centre

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upper age limits of 18 and of 20. In April, he was awarded the trophy for 'The most outstanding string player' for the festival for 2009.

This year, Ben has also competed in the Rotary competition for Young Musicians from schools in south, mid and west Wales. He won the first and second rounds, then was the overall winner in May in the final concert which took place in the Millennium Centre. He was presented with a cur and prize by Rhodri Morgan.

In April 2008, he was awarded the title of
'Young Citizen of the
Year' by Llantwit Major
Town Council. He has played in many concerts the past 18 months, as well as giving several

private performances.

Ben studies the cello with Sharon Mackinley and has been awarded a generous bursary by Beecher Acoustics towards his fine Italian full size cello.

The programme will also include Schubert's *Overture Rosamunde* and Beethoven's Symphony No 8.
For further details

please visit the web site www.cdpo.org.uk or tele phone 029 2070 4195 for the Penarth Concert and 01446 796 929 for the St Donats MO DORKEN

Be one of 500 Santas on Ty Hafan run!

TV presenters Lucy and Rhodri Owen, and their own little Santa (son Gabriel) visited Ty Hafan to ioin the children and carers in a warm-up for the Bridgend Santa Run, due to take place on Saturday, December 12 at 5.30pm.

Following the success of the event in 2008, Ty Hafan, the family hospice for young lives, is taking Santa on the run again this year for a festive fundraiser.

Entrants can walk, jog or run the two kilometre route which will take up to 500 Santas on a twolap route around the town and beneath the sparkling Christmas lights.

said: "You can give the best possible present this year by helping to make a world of difference to the life-limited children, young people and their families who rely on Ty Hafan for comfort, care and support."

All entrants will receive a free Santa suit to run in on the day, and anyone raising £35 or more in sponsorship will also receive a commemorative souvenir. Bottled water for the event has been donated by Brecon Carreg.

Entry is £5 for children, £7.50 for adults and £20 for a family of four.

Entry forms can be downloaded from parkling Christmas www.tyhafan.org or by calling Alan Drury on Organiser Alan Drury, 029 2067 2060.

Bois Y Bont aids children's causes

CAPELA male choristers, Bois y Bont, recently undertook a short weekend tour to Tenby, led by tour director, Brian Lewis and conductor, John Morgan.

The 18 choristers gave a number of impromptu performances, including Tenby Rugby Club and the town's British Legion. Both tourists and

locals showed their appreciation by con-tributing generously to charity.

Soloists were in demand and drew plenty of encouragement; 100 per cent of the not insignificant bucket collection was divided equally between a trust fund for a local youngster requiring continuing extensive treatment and Children In Need.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Christmas market THE St Nicholas Parish Church will hold a Christmas market on Saturday, November 28, at 10.30am-12.30pm, in St Nicholas church hall. Stalls include crafts, gifts, cakes, books and there

will be a raffle.

Admission £1 to include tea/coffee and a mince e. Proceeds to church funds.

Mayor's coffee
ASHGROVE School will benefit from the Mayor of the Vale's charity coffee morning at the Corporate Suite, Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, December 1 (10.30am-12noon).

Top award for school's young film makers



YOUNG film mak-

ers at Barry

Comprehensive

award in the best

regional film (Vale

of Glamorgan) cat-

egory at this year's

media4schools film

The group, whose film was entitled 'Year Seven Cross Country',

scooped a top

Coun Tony Hampton with award-winning

Barry Comprehensive film makers George

Crowther, Sam Adamson, Jack Williams

and Alex Parker.

Williams (year-12) and

They received their

cillor Tony Hampton, the

cabinet member for edu-

cation and lifelong learn-

ing, who is also a Barry Comprehensive School

Schools from across

south Wales competed to

scoop top prizes in cate-

gories such as best edit-

ed film, best animation

governor.

award from Vale coun-

Alex Parker (year-9).

More free leisure time for services

A SCHEME offering Service personnel, living or staying in the area, free use of facilities at Vale Council leisure and sports centres, has been extended until April 2011.

The council cabinet move follows a sixawards, sponsored by Sony UK. month trial during which members of the armed services were provided with access to the authority's leisure facilities.

BARRIVALE **BRIDGE CLUB NEWS**

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

Tuesday, November 10 - 1st Mark Roderick and Kay Dyer with 69.84 per cent; 2nd Gerald Gould and Noelle Bond 63.49 per cent; 3rd Carol James and Eileen Hughes 52.38 per cent.

Mark and Kay also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information telephone 01446 733425.

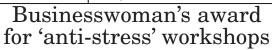
were George Crowther, and the coveted best Sam Adamson and Jack COWBRIDGE UNITED FREE CHURCH Christmas Services 2009

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Dec 25th:

13th: Gift Sunday Service 10.30am
20th: Nativity Play and Worship 10.30am
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25th: Christmas Day Family Worship and Crib Service 10am
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LOCAL businesswoman Debbie Wildi has won the Welsh Spiritual Connection Award, for her work in the Vale teaching relaxation methods to adults and children suffering the effects of stress.

She runs workshops and classes and travels the Vale talking to mental health groups through her company 'prana life'.

Debbie feels charity work is her "most important venture" and aims to raise awareness of the effects of stress and depression and how to combat them, while raising as much as she

MIND in the Vale.

Her book Invest in You is launched on December 2, in Karma Beauty, Cowbridge.

can for charities such as its from all sales will go to MIND in the Vale. plus a charity raffle.

For more details, see www.pranalife.co.uk or A percentage of prof- call 01446 771649.



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Prestigious scholarship for a St Cyres student

in the Institution of Engineering & Technology, London, St Cyres student Neilson Beddoe was awarded a prestigious Arkwright Scholarship for outstanding work in design and technol-

ogy.

Neilson's scholarship is sponsored by Alcatel-Lucent UK & Ireland and was presented by Sir Peter Williams, honorary treasurer and vice-presi-

Laura

boosting

parcels

for the

Afghanistan.



Own Clothes

Day will boost

troop morale

BRYN Hafren pupils held an Own

Clothes Day and cake breaks recently to

raise money to support troops in

With the proceeds, numerous items, such as tooth-

aste, sweets, books, shower gel and dried goods

that the troops miss when they are away from home. The idea was 'masterminded' by Lauren Bjegovic

in the Sixth Form. The items were then packed and labelled ready for despatch. Over 80 parcels were

wrapped and are now on their way to the troops.

Society. Scholars are selected following a rigorous selection process comprising an application, Arkwright Aptitude

Beddoe receives his award from Sir Peter Williams.

mitment to design, engi-neering and technology. The Arkwright Trust

was founded in 1990 and supports young people during their A-Levels by awarding £250 a year to assist with the purchase of materials and books.

Neilson will carry the status of 'Arkwright Scholar' into university.

St Cyres design and technology department also receives £200 per year for the next two

Paper and interview During the interview, students present their GCSE project work to a panel of interviewers

Ashgrove school ball huge success

THE Barry Masonic Hall was once again the venue for the annual Ashgrove School Ball, held on

November 20. More than 90 people attended the function and were treated to a five-course meal and a

New Ashgrove head Chris Britten attended his first school ball and started the proceedings with a game of heads and tails with a bottle of

champagne as the prize. Through ticket sales, the Lotto, raffle and auction, the function produced in excess of £1,300 which is tremendous considering the current economic cli-

Barclays Bank did a £750 money match and its representative, Mr



ABOVE:Chris Britten (headmaster) and Charles Williams (Barclays Bank).

Charles Williams, said: Barclays are delighted to support such a worthy cause, such as Ashgrove School. The bank is pleased to link itself with local good causes.

Ashgrove School is a special day/residential school for children from nursery to secondary age. The school caters for children with Aspergers Syndrome, Autism and Autistic Spectrum disorders.

BARRY Island own school and influ-Primary School. ence the development of has achieved the the subject locally, regionally and nationally Geographical Association's through work with high-**Primary** er education institutes of education, local authori-

Geography Quality Mark (PGQM) Award. Supported by the DCSF through the action

plan for geography it is seen as a key strategy for raising the quality of geography in primary

Subject leaders are also leaders of primary

SCHOOL 'THRILLED' WITH MARK

Geography gold award winners 'lead the way' at **Barry Island Primary**



"We've got the world in our hands!" - Pupils are pictured with the school's Gold Quality Mark award.

geography beyond their ty networks and The Geographical Association

> They ensure policies impact on pupil learning, are not afraid to take

risks, and innovate and challenge to achieve progress in geography

Key threads through the curriculum are intercultural understanding. local fieldwork, environmental issues and dilemmas connected with sustainability.

Mrs Janet Hayward (headteacher) said she was thrilled that the school had been recognised with the Gold Quality Mark and which was a reflection of the outstanding use of the local environment as well as the wider world.

The school was the first to achieve gold without previously applying for the bronze and silver categories due its outstanding commitment to geography.

NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT ST RICHARD GWYN

'Open evening' sparks record applications for school places

ST RICHARD Catholic High School pupils have been as busy as ever both in and outside the classroom.

Earlier this term, the school held a very successful 'Open Evening' and has seen a record number of applications places in September.



Thirteen-year-old Gage Waller came first in his first trampolining competition at the Welsh Institute of Sport last month.



ABOVE: 12-year-old Jordan Taylor recently won the Golf Junior Championship and was 1st in the Texas Scramble trophy at St Andrew's Golf Club. Jordan has now challenged his golf-loving headteacher to a game.



ABOVE: Elle Gwatkin of year-9 recently competed in the Bath Open Rhythmic Gymnastic Competition. winning the Ribbon

Trio section.



ABOVE: Sadie Vidal was recently given the Millennium Volunteers Award for her work in the community. Sixteen-year-old Sadie works for a panel which assesses grant applications for community projects involving young people.

WRITE IN!

• WE welcome your news, views and sports items. Please send them to the Editorial Department, The GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email ggem@internet-today.c0.uk

Chef Jane cooks up a Vale meals award

YSGOL Gyfun Bro Morgannwg chef Jane Pitman is the toast of the Welsh medium school after becoming the Local Authority Caterers' Association school chef of the year for the Vale.

She beat off competition from three Vale Catering Services col-leagues – Sharon Hutcheon (Barry Comprehensive). Elizabeth Kirkham (Cowbridge Sixth Form) and Ian McCarthy (mobile chef, working at Cowbridge Comprehensive Middle

the new year. Sponsored by Nestle Professional, the annual

School) – and Jane now goes forward to a regional competition in

competition requires



Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg (Barry) chef Jane Pitman working on her winning dish.

each entrant to produce, in just one and a half hours, a "healthy balanced main course and dessert" that would

appeal to 11-year-old A maximum of £1.25

per head is allowed for the food cost of a main course and dessert for one child. A council spokesman

said that the winning menu at the newly-refurbished food technology suite at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, Barry, consisted of a main course of Quorn cottage pie topped with potato, parsnip and apple mash followed by a dessert of chocolate orange and butternut squash pudding served with orange cream.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Scouts fayre
THE 11th Barry Sea Scout Christmas fayre will be held at the Scout Hall, Illminster Street,

Barry, on Saturday, November 28, at 11am.
Santa will be there, as well as festive refreshments, toys and decorations, as well as a Christmas raffle. Entrance is 25p per person with a lucky tick-

School fete
PALMERSTON Primary School will hold a Christmas fete on December 2, at 3.30pm

There will be stalls, games, face painting, pillow bash and a raffle. Entrance is 20p, children admitted

'Gavin and Stacey' can boost Vale tourism

mendation that the hit BBC TV series Gavin and Stacey should be added to the Vale Council's draft tourism strategy has been accepted.

Coun Rob Curtis, who represents Barry on the Vale Council, told The GEM yesterday that he was "delighted" that the economy and environment scrutiny committee had agreed to add the

proposal to the draft document, has helped to put Barry and which considers how to boost Barry Island on the map. local tourism, at a meeting on Tuesday. "I hope the council cabinet will approve the document."

The third series of Gavin and 9pm, and in the last two years there have been growing numbers of visitors to Barry and the familiar locations.

Coun Curtis said: "The series produced

Coun Rob Curtis hopes that a Stacey airs tonight on BBC1 at Gavin and Stacey trail will be agreed by the production compa-ny Baby Cow, which owns the series' copywright, once a deci-Island, keen to track down the sion has been finally made that no more programmes will be

You can win a Christmas tree!

teamed up with The Downs Christmas Tree Centre to offer local children a chance to win their family a fantastic real Čhristmas

The competition winners will be able to point to the magnificent Christmas centrepiece throughout the festive period and say: "I won that!"

The competition is for the best artwork of a decorated Christmas tree - in any form.

It could be a painting. poster, anything at all in two dimensions, or even

each of four age groups: under-8, age nine-to-11, 12-15, and 16 and over. One entry per child will

be accepted. Completed entries can be posted in the competition box at The Downs Christmas Tree site, or at Amici in Cowbridge

High Street.
Winning entries will be displayed at the Downs Christmas Tree

site.
The closing date for entries is Wednesday, December 9.

The winner of each section will be able to choose a Christmas tree to a maximum value of £40 on Saturday, December 12.

The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Say no to drink and drugs - MP

Smith is supporting are caused by drivers the national road with more than the legal charity Brake's campaign to highlight its 'Not bers may involve drivers a drop, not a drag' on illegal drugs," Mr campaign, in Road Smith said. Safety Week.

VALE MP John One in six road deaths alcohol limit in their blood, and research sug-

"I am asking all driv-"The charity, which ers in the Vale to make a coordinates the annual personal commitment road safety event, is not to risk a drop of highlighting two major alcohol or any illegal killers on our roads: drug if you're getting drink and drug driving. behind the wheel."

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Barry carols CONCERN (Senior Health Shop) is holding a Christmas carol concert, on December 2, at 10.30am, with Barry Ladies Choir.

Join in over a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie. Further information on 01446 747654.

Ware, East Aberthaw; Mildred Trigg Knight, Bridgend: AE Evans. Craig Penllyn; Jeanette Thomas, Cowbridge: Mrs J James, Boverton Colin Marsh, Llantwit Major; Mrs Ann King, Pencoed; P Jones, Cowbridge; Mrs Overy, Roverton.

PACT MEETING

COFFEE and chat meeting at the White Lion Public House. Ystradowen, December 1, 11,30am. If you have any issues that are affecting your

quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing or log onto www.ourbobby.com

Appeal after Penarth theft

are investigating a burglary at the outbuilding of a house on Purcell Road, when thieves made off with a bow and arrows, a Weinrach air rifle in a green case, a crossbow, a drill, and a remote controlled helicopter.

The theft took place between 11pm on November 22 and 9am the following morning.

Detective Sergeant Mark Bowen of Barry

CID said: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have information with regard to this incident.

"If you saw anyone behaving suspiciously in the area, or if you have information about this crime then please contact the police."

Anyone with information about this burglary is asked to contact DS Mark Bowen at Barry CID on 01446 731606 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800

Are council bags now delivered by helicopter?



ABOVE: THE PROBLEM...

HEN I looked out of my window this morning, I noticed the council had delivered my supply of black bin bags, so I went out to lift them from the driveway.

As I picked them up, something caught my eye

on my elderly neighbour's roof.
When I had a closer look, I noticed it was her supply of bin bags! So I can only assume that the council are trialling delivery of these bags by helicopter and the pilot's aim was affected by the high gusts of wind we are experiencing at the moment.

Luckily, my husband, who is also a pilot, was able to effect a safe retrieval of the aforementioned bags. (See picture below).

Mrs Gina Burton, Barry



...AND THE SOLUTION!

Teen vampire film needs a severe splashing in holy water and garlic!

money to be made in teenagers – not lit-erally, they haven't quite managed the ability to harvest currency at will, but their spending power is something not to be sniffed at.

With their hands in their pockets, a fad can easily become a craze, something that has hap-pened to the *Twilight* series of books by

Stephanie Meyer.
But far from being the sole property of gloomy teenagers everywhere, the books, and the first film, have become a phenomenon, something that can only be sated by the release of the second film, going under the title of New Moon.

Continuing from where the first film left off, Bella (Kristen Stewart) and Edward's (Robert Pattinson) relationship is growing stronger, despite the small bump of him being an immortal vampire; but when Bella's blood is shed, Edward and his family leave the small town, ostensibly to pro-tect Bella.

Her response is to throw caution to the wind, forming a close friendship with Jacob (Taylor Lautner), who himself isn't quite what he seems – but despite Edward and his family leaving town, Bella is still far from safe...

The first Twilight film was a laughably poor piece of work that failed to convince me in anyway whatsoever; howev er, given that I was probably the oldest person in the cinema, I can't imagine that the film makers were all that bothered, particularly as the film nocketed a rather impressive \$380million worldwide.

rewards given the amount of publicity and hype afforded it. Yet it comes nowhere close to deserving it, the end product a monotonous and dull exercise in the lives of moping hormon-al teenagers – who just happen to be either werewolves, vampires or just plain normal. However it isn't as if

anything I say here will have the slightest effect on the target audience of these films – after all, not being a teenage girl who thinks Robert Pattinson is God's gift to manhood, it's pretty safe to say this is one film that makes no bones about who it is actually

intended to appeal to. But scrape away the layers of youthful adoration and you are left with a film that doesn't succeed on any level other than that of parting cash from teenage purs-es, and has very little in the way of artistic merit

Given the rabid adoration these films have, it's no surprise that both Pattinson and Kristen Stewart have become teen icons, but both per-formers have shown outside the franchise that they have a strong work ethic and acting ability.

Unfortunately, whether it is down to the screenplay, adapted by Melissa Rosenberg, or just that the two actors weren't quite getting into the material, neither distinguish themselves

with a good turn.
Pattinson is merely asked to float round (at times literally), his pale skin the strongest element of a performance that may make some people swoon but does very little; however, there is the odd occasion where he delivers which makes you wish he did it more often through the course of the film instead of looking pensive and, supposedly, deep.

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Stewart has by far the meatiest role on show, even greater financial yet manages to be both incredibly annoying and also quite unbelievably melodramatic. It is little slight on the actress, but her charac-

ter's constant misery due to Edward's leaving grates, and you wish that rather than become an adrenaline junkie (which allows her to see Edward, as his pasty visage pops up to warn her about the danger of her actions) she would just get a tub of ice-cream, watch Dirty Dancing and be done with it.

The performances around the two of them are nothing to write home about either; Taylor Lautner, as the third side of the love triangle, may have developed impressive muscles in the year since the last film, but fails to have developed his acting ability, coming across so wooden that you could carve him into a stake to taunt Edward.

When even Michael Sheen (in a five-minute cameo) is struggling to deliver a good perform-ance, you know that you're in trouble.

Sadly, things aren't made any better by the direction. Chris Weitz, who, having replaced the first film's director, Catherine Hardwick, promptly uses the exact same visual style and colour scheme, makes you wonder why the latter was ousted by the former – given the almost carbon copy

direction he offers.

He isn't helped by a narrative that is so dull and boring that this two hour film feels around two weeks long, and Weitz does very little to liven things up with direction that borders on the mundane. Ultimately, the suc

cess of New Moon will depend on how many people will go and see it. Given that it has just broken the one-day tick-

SCREEN **TALK**



by GARETH **JAMIESON**

America, that no doubt means a lot of people -but it is a film that does n't deserve it, the finished product being drab and painfully boring. VERDICT – A weak-

er offering than its pro-genitor, which itself was poor, The Twilight Saga. New Moon is teenfriendly rubbish that may indeed make its audience swoon but will leave the non-believers freezing cold.

Poor performances and weak direction make this a listless piece of work, but one that will no doubt rake it in where it counts - at the box

One to avoid (unless you're a hormonal 15-year-old girl).

CAOS call for Annie

THE the Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society (CAOS) is on the lookout for a young girl, aged eight-14, to play Annie in their next production. needs you!

On Saturday (November 28), at 11am it holds an audition day at Y Bont Faen School, Cowbridge. Telephone 01446 713110 or visit www.cowbridgeaos.org.u

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

winning numbers in the Ty Hafan 512027, 092368, 343252, 839059, 896091, 293707, 594047, 183518, 889025. Crackerjackpot lottery draw number

● **£2000:** 515316 (the winner comes from Cardiff).

• The rollover, which

now stands at £1,500, was not claimed this week.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990 **CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG** DEDDF CYNLLUNIO (ADEILADAU RHESTREDIG AC ARDALOEDD CADWRAETH) 1990

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

. HYSBYSIR trwy hyn i geisiadau gael eu gwneud i'r Cyngor am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer y datblygiadau canlynol:

Development in Conservation Areas Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig:

2009/01119/FUI Raise ridge height of part of existing dwelling, convert rear section of existing garage to study and utility room, amend windows and external material 30D, Archer Road, Penarth

2009/01126/FUL Pitched roof and plant room extension to school block Headlands School, St. Augustines Road, Penarth

Retention of stainless steel roof stack to kebab kitchen and wooden summerhouse to rear garden. Addition of new side access gate to rear garden Major Best Kebab, East Street, Llantwit Major

2009/001167/FUL and 2009/01168/LBC

1. Construction of new timber balcony; 2. New doorway to rear courtyard and installation of bi-folding doors; 3. 2.no conservation rooflights; 4. New timber roof lantern over flat roof; 5. Alterations to front feature window; 6. Storage shed; 7. Enlarge opening on front boundary wall; 8. Roofing over alleyway; 9. Other internal modifications
The Market Place, 66, High Street, Cowbridge

2009/01173/FUL Demolition of integral garage, and erection of two storey side extension Hafod, Gileston, St. Athan

2009/01175/FUL Demolition of existing extension and building of new exten-sion with local stone walls and steeply pitching slate roof. Llanmaes Village Hall, Llanmaes

2009/01181/FUL Loft conversion to extend habitable accommodation of second floor flat into loft space, with large dormers to front and

2009/01126/FUL Pitched roof and plant room extension to school block Headlands School, St. Augustines Road, Penarth

2009/01168/LBC

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The Market Place, 66, High Street, Cowbridge

2009/01146/FUL Two storey extension to existing house 2, The Hollies, Flanders Road, Llantwit Major

Llantwit Major

Michaelston-le-Pit

2009/01160/FUL Retention of

Cowbridge with Llanblethian

rear 15, Maughan Terrace, Penarth

Listed Building Consent Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

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2009/01192/LBC
Reinstate structure and finishes damaged by fire. New oak and thatch roof. Remove and reinstate stone chimney stack. Remove damaged cellings and partitions and reinstate in existing positions. state in existing positions Bush Inn, St. Hilary, Nr. Cowbridge Location:/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig

Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig: 2009/01127/FUL

2009/0112//FUL
Temporary accommodation to house school during works to school block
Unit 2, Headlands School, St. Augustine's Road, Penarth Location:/Lleoliad:

Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Headlands School, Grade II Development that might affect the setting of a Conservation Area Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig:

2009/01179/FUL
The proposal comprises of four No. 1 bedroom residential apartments on a vacant site at the corner of Maughan Terrace and John Street, Penarth
Land adjacent to 17, Maughan Terrace, Penarth

Location:/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/

Affecting the Penarth Conservation Area

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.plan ning-register.co.uk

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(GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995
GORCHYMYN CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF
(TREFN DATBLYGIAD CYFFREDINOL) 1995

Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

2009/01157/FUL Construction of new stone faced boundary wall to height of 1800mm including blockwork retaining wall. 4, Fairleigh, Michaelston Le Pit

Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig: Location:/Lleoliad:

2009/01108/FUL Western extension to Fforest Wood Quarry Fforest Fawr Farm, Fforest Road, Llanharry

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig:

2009/01140/FUL Change of use of area of agricultural land to land associated with commercial soils and turf business, plus retention of a screening wall and hardstanding and the construction of a desludging chamber, 4 no. storage bays and a lagoon for the improved disposal and recycling of surface water

Location:/Lleoliad: Horticultural Works, Station Yard, Station Road East, Wenvoe

Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way Ceisiadau a allai effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig:

2009/00584/FUII Proposed first floor addition and extensions to provide double garage and bedrooms to an existing ground floor only

Location:/Lleoliad:

Application(s) submitted with an Environmental Statement Ceisiadau a gyflwynwyd gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8
Proposed development at Fforest Fawr Farm, Fforest Road, Llanharry.

I give notice that Hanson Quarry Products Europe Ltd., is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Western extension to Fforest Wood Quarry.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement at a charge of £100.00 from Mr. lan Briggs, WYG EPT Limited, Executive Park, Avalon Way, Anstey, Leicestershire. LE7 7GR so long as stocks last.

- Members of the public may inspect copies of:

 The application.

 The plans.

 The environmental statement.
 Other documents submitted with the application.
 at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 17 December, 2009.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 17 December 2009 quoting reference 2009/01108/FUL.

<u>HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8</u> Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Fforest Fawr Farm, Fforest Road, Llanharry.

Hysbysir trwy hyn Hanson Quarry Products Europe Ltd., n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfe Western extension to Fforest Wood Quarry

Cafodd y cynnig ei gyflwyno gyda datganiad amgylcheddol sydd ar gael i'w ddarllen yn y cyfeiriad isod. Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd brynu copïau o'r datganiad am £100.00 oddi wrth/o Mr. Ian Briggs, WYG EPT Limited, Executive Park, Avalon Way, Anstey, Leicestershire. LE7 7GR tra bydd y stoc ar gael.

Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd hefyd ddarllen copïau o'r:

• cais; • cynlluniau; • datganiad amgylcheddol; • dogfennau eraill a gyflwynwyd gyda'r cais, yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau rhesymau tan 17 Rhagfyr, 2009.

Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu at Bennaeth Cynllu-nio a Chludiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 17 Rhag-fyr, 2009 an ddyfynnu'r cyfeirnod 2009/01108/FUL.

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Dated: 26 November, 2009 Rob Thomas
Head of Planning and Transportation
The Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Dock Office, Barry Docks CF63 4RT

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First stage of Pavilion plan gets go-ahead

THE Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has given the green light to Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd (PACL) to develop plans to refurbish and restore the Grade II Penarth Pavilion, which sits on one of only seven pleasure piers left in Wales.

Development funding of £99,600 has been awarded. The PACL plan now progresses to the next stage of the HLF application process with up to two years to submit more detailed plans and apply for the £1.6million of HLF support for the £3.9million project.

Constructed in 1929, the ferro-concrete structure has an impressive silhouette with curved roof and eastern-style towers. The interior space is characterised by a vaulted ceiling but the building has fallen into disrepair.

Restoration plans aim to respect the building's historical significance and introduce sustainable design to protect and safeguard the build-

A HLF spokesman said: "Overwhelming community interest has already given the project tremendous impetus. Research undertaken by PACL supports a programme which will deliver many opportunities to find out more about the history of the building and the town of Penarth. "The Bristol Channel

provides a fascinating maritime past and, with its huge tidal variation, is a potential site for alternative energy. Such contemporary environ-mental concerns will be used as the base for an extensive range of informal and formal educational activities crossing subjects including the marine environment and sea transport."
"PACL is already

of local agencies to explore alternative transport and work towards a sustainable seafront

strategy.
"The business plan includes revenue from conferences, exhibitions and meetings, while the Pavilion's significant position makes it an obvious focus for many contemporary environmental concerns.

"The project will be good news for lovers of the Penarth Pier, which is used year round by local people. The pier was refurbished with HLF funding in the late 1990s and is one of the main attractions for the

Commenting on the award, Maggie Knight of PACL said: "We are delighted that the Heritage Lottery Fund has given this initial support for the project.

"This will have a major impact on the continued development of Penarth and will bring huge cultural, social, economic and tourism benefits for the town and south Wales as a whole."

Dan Clayton Jones, chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Wales, said: "This project aims to restore one of south Wales' iconic landmarks to its former glory. The proposed redevelopment of the Pavilion will create a focal point for community activities, as well as providing opportunities to learn more about our maritime natural and social heritage.

"What's more it is fundamental to the regeneration of the town's seafront. As such, we have awarded a development grant in recognition of the project's potential and the benefits it could bring to

the area.
"There is huge competition for our grants, so PACL now need to develop their plans fully in order to compete for a

Dr Massini is to stand at Bridgend

DAVID BRACE, well-known in horse racing and point-to-point circles, and whose company Dunraven Windows is sponsors the Dunraven Bowl at Chepstow, has phoned me with news that the 16year-old Listedwinning son of Sadler's Wells, Dr Massini, is to stand alongside Needle Gun at his Dunraven Stud Farm near Bridgend.

Dr Massini's stud

career to date has been in Ireland at the Beeches Stud and he is the sire of last week's Cheltenham winner Tell Massini who landed the Hyde Novices Hurdle.

Mr Brace said: "Dr Massini, who is likely to stand for a fee of £1.500. is the leading Britishbased jumps sire based on prize winning money."

Dr Massini is also the

sire of *Door Boy*, an exciting National Hunt prospect who was bought out of Jessica Harrington's yard in Ireland for 185,000 guineas at the Doncaster Sales.

BRIAN LEE

Former champs at hand as boxing club opens its doors to Bridgend and the Vale

TWO Welsh boxchampions were on hand last week to open Bridgend's first boxing club.

Nicky Piper and Colin Jones came along to see the extensive training facilities at the Bridgend Boxing Club, facilities made possible by the financial support of Mrs Glenda Hegarty of Computer Bridgend Ltd (CBL), who joined up with David East, a former Chief Constable of South Wales Police,

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAŇ

and now the president of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association.

The level of equip-ment is such that the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association (WABA) is sending its elite squad to train there every Sunday, under Colin Jones, who is now a national coach.

The club, which is at Ewenny Road, Ogmore, on the site of the former hopes to attract aspiring

boxers from a wide area. The Bridgend Boxing Club actually lies within the boundary of the Vale Council, and the Mayor Council, and the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Emlyn Williams, was an interested spectator. He told The GEM that he was "privileged" to be invited to the official opening of the club.

cial opening of the club. He continued: "I was delighted to receive a very warm welcome on my arrival from Mr

David East, QPM, LLB, the president of the club. "I would like to con-

gratulate all those who have been involved. What an achievement; they must have all felt very proud and satisfied with their efforts on the opening night.

He thanked Nicky Piper and Colin Jones. for the way that they are both putting their experience into teaching young boxers.

He added: "I watched the training in the new ring and it must have been very rewarding for all to hear the youngsters (as I did), asking how they could join the club?



ABOVE: World champions Nicky Piper and Colin Jones with David East.

ABOVE: Nicky Piper opens the new club, with Mrs Glenda Hegarty, David East, the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Emlyn Williams, and the deputy mayor and consort of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Colin and Mrs Gloria Teesdale.





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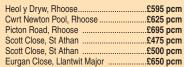
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Family Notices

WOOD Winnie

Peacefully on November 11 at Llandough Hospital, in her 96th year, Winnie (Win) of Rhoos

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday December 1, service 1.15pm at Bethel Church, Castle Road, Rhoose, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

LYNCH Bronwen

Peacefully, on Nov 18 at her home in Llantwit Major, Bronwen (Bron) beloved wife of Terry, wonderful mother of Alison, Robert and Andrew, a much loved grandmother of Jessica, Georgia and Harry. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon, where family flowers may be sent.

Funeral Fri Dec 4, service 2pm at St Illtuds Church, Llantwit Major followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm. Donations if desired may be sent to Save The Children Fund c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

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Marcroes, Marcroes, Llanlittud Fawr, CF61 12G. Dylai unrhyw un sy'n dymuno cyflwyno sylwadau ynghylch y cais wneud hynny'n ysgrifenedig drwy anfon y sylwadau at Grant Wilson, Arweinydd Tim y cyfeiriad canlynol: The Environment Agency, Water Quality Permitting Support Centre, Quadrant 2, 99 Parkway Avenue, Parkway Business Park, Sheffield, S9 4WF. Dylid cyflwyno'r sylwadau rhwng 26/11/09 a 7/1/10 gan ddyfynnu'r cyfeirnod NPSWQD009606.

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Simon Grantham Ar ran Asiantaeth yr Amgylchedd Dyddiedig 26/11/09

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991 (AS AMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995) NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF

SECTION 88 SECTION 60

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Water Resources Act 1991 that an application has been made to the Environment Agency by Vale of Glamorgan Council for consent to discharge up to 7.9 cubic metres per day of Tertiary treated domestic sewage effluent to ground via an infiltration system at National Grid Reference SS 91903 68863 from Marcross Sewage Treatment Works, Marcross, Llantwit Major, CF61 1ZG.

Any person who wishes to make representations about the application should do so in writing to Grant Wilson, Team Leader, The Environment Agency, Water Quality Permitting Support Centre, Quadrant 2, 99 Parkway Avenue, Parkway Business Park, Sheffield, S9 4WF, during the period 26/11/09 to 7/1/10 quoting reference NPSWQD009606.

Please be aware that any representation may be made available to third parties under the Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

A copy of the application may be inspected free of charge at the Local Environment Agency office at Environment Agency Wales, Public Register, Maes Newydd, Llandarcy, Neath Port Talbot, SA10 6JQ between the hours of 9 am and 4.30 pm Monday to Friday (not Bank Holidays). Please ring in advance to arrange an appointment by calling the National Customer Contact Centre on 08708 506 506.

Simon Grantham On behalf of The Environment Agency Dated 26/11/09

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Five Bridgend girls star in cross country championships

South Wales Regional School

vidual medals at the Lewis (YG Llanhari). 12th South Wales Regional Schools Regional Scnools wolling cross-country championships for girls, there was significant pressure on her and she trailed home a distant country wear. by consecutive year, by Steve Brace and his Bridgend AC clubhouse at Newbridge
Fields.
The minimum as admitting that she had fallen on the course.
That win for Lewis,

senior event for pupils in year-11 and the sixth year-11 and the sixth form, was dominated by



Cwmfelin resident Ffion Lewis (YG Llanhari) added the senior title to her 2008 win at u15.



Brynteg year 8 Jazmine Briganti had to settle for second place in the u13



Rosa Yates (Brynteg, 7th), the first year 7 girl to finish in the ul3 race.

by PETE **MORRIS**

cross-country
FIVE girls from
Bridgend County
Borough claimed indiwidth and the country last year's defending title-holder, year-12 Zoe Thomas (Porthcawl) and under-15 champion and Counfelin resident, Ffion without word of the country last year's defending title-holder, year-12 Zoe Thomas (Porthcawl) and the country last year's defending title-holder, year-12 Zoe Thomas (Porthcawl) and the country last year's defending title-holder, year-12 Zoe Thomas (Porthcawl) and the country last year's defending title-holder, year-12 Zoe Thomas (Porthcawl) and the country last year's defending title-holder, year-12 Zoe Thomas (Porthcawl) and the country last year's defending title-holder, year-12 Zoe Thomas (Porthcawl) and the country last year's defending title-holder, year-12 Zoe Thomas (Porthcawl) and year-12 Zoe Tho

With Thomas having second – looking very under the weather, as well

The opening race, the mior event for pupils in Rhondda Cynon Tafe. will do much to boost her self-confidence, and it will be interesting to fol-low her progress in the major races this winter. Her big rivals in year 11 are the Price twins from Llandrindod in Powys, Ffion and Rhianwedd.

There was a surprise individual result in the under-13 race, arguably the toughest of the day. Jazmine Briganti Jazmine Briganti (Brynteg), second in last year's race, the pre-race favourite, led the field for much of the race but she much of the race but she was tracked by another year-8, Annabel Curle of Cowbridge, who then proved to be the stronger in the closing stages, claiming victory by the margin of one second.

Recause of the number

Because of the number of participants, eight indi-vidual medals are awarded at under-13, and Bridgend county girls gained a further two. Year-8 Nia Ward, 10th in last year's fixture, claimed a first-ever medal for Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd in claiming fourth place, while Rosa Yates (Brynteg) showed considerable potential by finishing seventh, the first year-7 to finish.

In the final event of the

afternoon, the under-15 race, the only one to be held in a rain shower, year-10 Jessica Hegarty (Brynteg) was the highest placed Bridgend girl, fin-

Elizabeth Grandville (46th) lost the second placed medals by one point to Cardiff's Whitchurch High – but mention must be made of another Bridgend county school. Ysgol Gyfun Llangynwyd only opened it's doors in 2008 with a vear-7 intake.

year-7 intake.

This year, they have extended to a second year group, but have had little time to prepare for this event, yet, with Ms Caryl James of the PE Department as team manager, they deserve great credit for fielding two under-13 teams at a time when seven of the Bridgend secondary



Bridgend AC team-mates Jessica Hegarty (Brynteg, 282) and Fiona Bray (Cowbridge, 80) battle it out for seventh place in the u15 race.

schools did not field a

witch to selection, as the south Wales regional team manager, Mrs Julie Jones of Llantwit, finalises the squads of 15 to compete at the 12th Welsh Inter Regional championships at Builth Wells on December 13.

Results – Bridgend girls Senior Girls (4.4 km) – Years-11 to 14

Years-11 to 14 1 Ffion Lewis (YG Llanhari) 16:10; 2 Zoe Thomas (P'cawl) 16:52; 30 Jessica Avons (B'teg)

Under-15 girls (3.7 km) – Years 9 and 10

Years 9 and 10 7 Jessica Hegarty (B'teg) 14:06; 23 Hollie Short (P'cawl) 15:26; 39 Angharad Masson (P'cawl) 16:19; 47 Isabel Hughes (B'teg) 16:36; 86 Charlotte Mundy (P'cawl) 18:27; 92 Bethan Masson (P'cawl); Bethan Masson (P'cawl);
93 Robyn Wilkins
(P'cawl); 96 Stephanie
Kelly (P'cawl); 119
Lauren Downes (P'cawl);
124 Lucy Damachowski
(B'teg); 126 Lucy Ellis
(B'teg); 127 Jessica
Miles (B'teg); 127 Jessica
Miles (B'teg)
Teams: 11 Porthcawl
240; 13 Brynteg 304
Under-13 girls (2.8 km)

- Years 7 and 8
2 Jazmine Briganti
(B'teg) 9:57; 4 Nia Ward
(YG Ll'wyd) 10:15; 7
Rosa Yates (B'teg) 10:21;
14 Olivia Norris (P'cawl)
10:51; 44 Sinead

placed Bridgend girl, fin-ishing seventh.

Only one Bridgend squad claimed team 48 Elizabeth Grandville medals – the Brynteg (B'teg); 60 Chantelle under-13 squad of Briganti, Yates, Sinead Shahnann Purcell Loundes (44th) and Elizabeth Grandville (46th) lest the carell Natalia Shahnann Purcell (Ogmore); 68 Bethan Eales (P'cawl); 78 Natalia Londero Natalia Londero (Ogmore); 95 Bronwyn Wictome (B'teg); 105 Jodie Grabham (YG Ll'wyd); 110 Emily Kembery (Ogmore); 111 Gabrielle Haxton (B'teg); 119 Catrin Masson (YG Ll'wyd); 122 Lauren Harris (P'cawl); 126 Ffion Wareham (Ogmore); 127 Magan Ffion Wareham (Ogmore); 127 Megan Elsbury (Ogmore); 130 Louisa Carr (Ogmore); 135 Emily Brice (YG Ll'wyd); 136 Caitlin Perry (YG Ll'wyd); 137 Lydio Powies (Omero);



Ysgol Gyfun Llangvnwyd year 8 pupil Nia Ward claimed the school's first ever medal at this event.



Zoe Thomas (Porthcawl) had to settle for second in the senior race.

Ll'wyd); 149 Abbey Parsons (B'teg); 157 Ffion Morgan (YG Ll'wyd); 177 Parsons (B'teg); 157 Ffion Morgan (YG Ll'wyd); 158 Maisie Isaac (Ogmore); 159 Gorys Hopkins Isaac (Ogmore); 159 Carys Hopkins (Ogmore); 163 Emily Bennett (Ogmore); 170 Sophia Parker (YG Ll'wyd); 174 Becky Wardman (P'cawl); 185 Shauna Williams (B'teg); 191 Nia Vaughan (B'teg); 192 Chloe Stringer (P'cawl); 199 Caitlin James (Ogmore); 203 James (Ogmore); 203 Bethan David (Ogmore); 204 Chloe Stanford (Ogmore); 218 Ellie Morrison (B'teg); 219 Nia Grinnell (B'teg). Teams: A Teams: 3 Brynteg 101; 14 Porthcawl 342; 15 YG Llangynwyd 363; 17 Ogmore 379; B Teams: 7 Perry (YG LI wyd); L37 Lydia Davies (Ogmore); Ogmore 379; B teams: 1 138 Ffion Wilkins (P'cawl); 139 Grace Merritt (Ogmore); 141 Gwenan Jenkins (YG Ogmore C 679; 22 Brynteg C 813

COWBRIDGE GIRL TAKES TITLE BY **JUST ONE SECOND!**

Photos by IAN DIXON.

South Wales Regional School cross-country championships



ABOVE: Annabel Curle (Cowbridge) double gold



ABOVE: Individual second but team gold for Megan Osborne (Llantwit).

There was joy for pupils from four Vale schools at the 12th South Wales Regional Schools cross-country championships for girls, held, for the third consecutive year, by Steve Brace and his Bridgend AC clubhouse of Newbridge Fields at Newbridge Fields.

The opening race, the senior event for pupils in year 11 and the sixth form, was dominated by last year's defending title-holder, Zoe Thomas (Porthcawl) and under-15 champion, Ffion Lewis (YG Llanhari), with Lewis claiming the win.

Behind them, it was the much improved Bethan Daw, sadly the only St Cyres competitor, who took the bronze medal for third place.

More individual medals are awarded in the younger age groups, because of the greater num-bers of participants – five in the under-15 race for pupils in years 9 and 10, and eight at under-13 (years 7 and 8).

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There was a surprise individual result in the under-13 race, arguably the toughest of the day. Jazmine Briganti (Brynteg), second in last year's race, the pre-race favourite, led the field for much of the race but she was tracked by another year-8, Annabel Curle of Cowbridge, who then proved to be the stronger in the closing stages, claiming victory by just one second. Also gaining medials were tory by just one second. Also gaining medals were Coker (Stanwell, fourth) and Erin Hayes (Llantwit, sixth).

The final event of the afternoon, the under-15 race, the only one to be held in a rain shower, prought a head to head between the last two under-trought a head to head between the last two under-13 champions – Megan Osborne (Llantwit, 2007) and Rebecca Evans (Y Pant, 2008). Although she has had comfortable wins in both of the Cardiff & the Vale Schools leagues at Trelai, Osborne was no match for Evans on this occasion

and had to settle for second place.

In addition to the individual medals, there were also team successes. The Cowbridge girls can feel also team successes. The Coworlage girls can reel particularly pleased as they were placed in all three age groups – second in the seniors, third at under-15, and clear winners in the under-13 race thanks to the quartet of Curle, Jordan Carpenter (ninth), Elinor Bishop (26th) and Rebecca Thomas (30th). That under-13 team title has been won for (Sofin). That under 15 fem in the has och won in the last two years by Llantwit – and they did not go away empty handed. With the girls moving up a section, they claimed the under-15 title thanks to the efforts of Osborne, Anthea Young (8th), Lucy Tarrant (11th) and Aimee Price 46th).

With the regional championships completed, interest will now switch to selection as the south Wales team manager, Mrs Julie Jones of Llantwit, finalises the squads of fifteen to compete at the 12th Welsh Inter Regional championships at Builth Wells on December 13th.

News is also expected of the girls to be invited to compete for Cardiff & the Vale Schools at the Inter-District and Inter-Counties Schools match to be held as part of Cardiff UK Cross Challenge, at Blackweir, on Sunday, January 17th, 2010. **Results of Vale Girls**

Senior girls (4.4 km) - Years 11 to 14 - 39 finish-

ers
Alfren 153; 10 Llantwit 169;
Bethan Daw (St Cyres) 16:57; 12 Amy Baldry
(Lwt) 20:55; 14 Holly Preece (Cow) 21:32; 15 C 415; 10 Llantwit B 422; 16 StanAlyson Bater (Cow) 21:35; 21 Lucy Williams
Llantwit C 712; 23 Llantwit D 818.



ABOVE: Holly Preece (87) and Alyson Bater (88), the first two finishers for the third placed Cowbridge senior team.

(Cow) 22:32; 22 Natalie Parsons (Lwt) 22:51; 24 Rosie Dent (Cow) 22:56; Rosie Dent (Cow) 22::50; 27 Verity Morgan (Cow) 23:39; 37 Seren Carter (Lwt) 28:14; 38 Katie Prinn (Lwt) 28:15 Teams: 2 Cowbridge 74; 6 Llantwit 109

Under-15 girls (3.7 km) – Years 10 & 11 – 127 finishers



(Llantwit), sixth placed medal in the under-13 race.

2 Megan Osborne (Lwt) 13:25; 8 Anthea Young (Lwt) 14:14; 11 Lucy Tarrant (Lwt) 14:23; 12 Fiona Bray (Cow) 14:28; 22 Mirriam Bennett (Cow) 15:17; 26 Rachel Bradshaw (Cow) 15:41; 30 Kanisha-Mae Underdown (Bryn H) 15:48; 37 Rebecca John (Cow) 16:17; 46 Katy Mellin (Bryn H) 16:31; 49 Aimee Price (Lwt) 16:41; 53 Ella Hughes (Lwt) 16:52; 63 Melissa Gooding (Cow) 17:29; 67 Jodie Price (Bryn H) 17:35; 68 Hannah Jones (Bryn H) 17:40; 74 Bethany Cleave (Lwt) 18:05; 82 Sarah Herbert (Bryn H); 83 Aimee Parsons (Lwt); 89 Katie Mills (Bryn H); 95 Emily Bonney (Cow); 103 Sophie Pitcock (Cow); 109 Zoe Hodgkinson (Bryn H); 117 Sophie George

Teams: 1 Llantwit 70; 3 Cowbridge 97; 10 Bryn Hafren 211; B Teams: 4 Llantwit B 327 Under-13 girls (2.8 km) - Years 7 & 8 - 231 fin-

Annabel Curle (Cow) 09:56; 5 Kate Coker (Stan) 10:16; 6 Erin Hayes (Lwt) 10:18; 9 Jordan Carpenter (Cow) 10:32; 15 Tillie Carter (Bryn H) 10:53; 19 Rachel Cosier (Bryn H) 11:13; 24 Chloe Lewis (Stan) 11:26; 25 Anna Mirza-Davies (Stan) Lewis (Stan) 11:26; 25 Anna Mirza-Davies (Stan) 11:31; 26 Elinor Bishop (Cow) 11:32; 30 Rebecca Thomas (Cow) 11:38; 33 Alice Tudor (Cow); 37 Chloe Hughes (Lwt); 45 Lydia Parsons (Lwt); 47 Charlotte Webber (Bryn H); 48 Elizabeth Grandville Brynteg; 56 Laura Gale (Stan); 59 Nadine James (Cow); 69 Zola Hargreaves (Stan); 72 Sophie Morse (Bryn H); 75 Brooke Langden-Cruer (Cow); 76 Jess Cushin (Bryn H); 31 Jesie 72 Sophie Morse (Bryn H); 75 Brooke Langden-Cryer (Cow); 76 Jess Cushin (Bryn H); 81 Josie Price (Lwt); 85 Dominique Mears (Cow); 86 Laura Braggins (Lwt); 87 Maisie Squire (Stan); 88 Evie Williams (Cow); 93 Ella Dyer (Stan); 96 Eleanor Hicks (Lwt); 98 Ela Emyr (Cow); 113 Ffion Hopkin (Cow); 115 Laura Young (Lwt); 116 Niamh Gallagher (Cow); 121 Sophie Thomas (Cow); 125 Devon Perry (Lwt); 132 Nicole Rose (Stan); 134 Lauria Thomas (Cow); 150 Lenny (Stan); 134 Laurie Thomas (Cow); 150 Jenny Arthur (Stan); 151 Yoko Hargreaves (Stan); 164 Arthur (Stan); 131 Toko hargeaves (Stan); 165 Alex Hopkins (Bryn H); 166 Emma Pouise (Stan); 165 Alex Hopkins (Bryn H); 166 Emma Young (Lwt); 167 Milly Williams (Stan); 178 Suzie Collins (Stan); 179 Bethany King (Lwt); 183 Rhian Thomas (Lwt); 184 Rebecca Horne (Lwt); 200 Tamara Pitt (Lwt); 201 Rhian Jones (Lwt); 208 Aimee Miller (Lwt); 209 Georgia Harris (Lwt); 212 Molly Brown (Lwt);

Combridge B 252; 6 Stanwell B 381; 8 Combridge B 252; 6 Stanwell B 252; 6 Stanwell B 381; 8 Combridge B 252; 6 Stanwell B 252; C 415; 10 Llantwit B 422; 16 Stanwell C 632; 19

Winners take a bow at the Brynhill Golf Club

MEMBERS of Lady Reardon-Smith Brynhill Golf Club Silver Salver - Diane dressed in their fin- Tapscott and ery and came together at the clubBob Hope Rose Bowl house to recognise bronze section – Sue the achievements of Holland; Four-Ball 2009.

The proceedings were The processings the conducted by club captain Colin Lloyd and his Tophy was presented to Robbie Lee by the lady Robbie Lee by the R

tain Linda Hewlett. Some of the many presentations made included: Lady champion – Sam Pascoe; Rabbits and in time-honoured tradi-Tigers winners – Olwen tion cups were filled with Thomas and Chris beverages and passed Hopkins; Peggy Lane around for toasts.

Cup – Helene Cook;



opened by lady captain the sort of person anyone Jo Hopkins and vice-captain Linda Hewlett all occasions

At the conclusion of all the presentations and



Nicci Meheut and Di Tapscott, Lady Reardon-Smith Silver Salver winners with the lady captain (centre)..

The Cowbridge Squash Club is going greener

COWBRIDGE Mike Board, Squash Club has announced that, Bradwick and Ian Taylor thanks to a grant supported by the ings.

Vale Centre for "Also to Lyn Thomas Voluntary Services, of the Cowbridge Rugby through the Kick Club for his help." Start 111 Grant Scheme, the club is club will be looking for about to reduce its volunteers to install the carbon substantially installing roofing insulation in all three of its courts.

Simpson, who instigated chasing and installation the grant application, and of the material.

Merrett. for their work in the preparation of the cost-

footprint material in the near by future. All members who are

prepared to give a few hours of their time should let Mike Board A spokesman said: know, as he will be projumany thanks to Gareth ect managing the pur-



Carole Allen and Lynne Bubbins, Four-Ball Better Ball trophy winners, with lady captain Jo Hopkins..



Bob Hope Rose Bowl, bronze winner Sue Holland.



Club champion Sam Pascoe.

Missed tackles cost Llantwit under-12s dear

ON Sunday, November 15, Llantwit under-12s played Gwernyfed, near Brecon, at home in the first round of the Blues competition.

Llantwit started well, with the forwards winning good ball. The ball came out to the Llantwit backs on halfway where Richard Dangerfield beat a couple of defenders and ran 45 metres to score under the posts for Iestyn Jones to convert. Both packs fought

hard for possession with good drives from Gwernyfed, and they drew level with a try.
In the second half, the

Llantwit forwards continued to win ball but Llantwit didn't move it to the wings and chances went begging.
Gwernyfed backs

moved the ball at pace and a series of missed tackles let them in twice to make the final score

Good luck to them in the next round.

Harriers' quiz night HIGH STREET Harriers FC are having a fundraising quiz night at The Ship (Hungry Horse) in Barry, on Friday, December 4, at 7pm.
It costs £10 per team (up to four in each team) to enter and the Hungry Horse has donated a voucher

for a prize.

There will also be a raffle with lots of prizes.

Local businessman makes Sully Sports FC the leaders of fashion!

SULLY Sports FC seniors are leaders of sporting fashion, thanks to a local business, Gary Watson Motor Company, providing the squad with tracksuits, t-shirts,

The business recently opened a used car sales garage situated opposite the old Barry Hotel in Broad Street Barry.



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Club captain Adam Govier said: "It is due to generous people like Gary that local clubs can progress their potential for higher level football.

"Local clubs like Sully Sports would not survive without such support".

ACCOLADE FOR LOCAL OLYMPIANS

Sporting stars enter the Vale Hall of Fame

stars were the first to be named in the Vale of Glamorgan's new Hall of Fame recently at the County Library in

Barry.
Officially opened by
Vale Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams, and the Mayoress, the hall recognises the interna-tional sporting and cultural achievements of people who have an association with the

Olympic and world silver medallist swimmer David Davies, from Barry, and Olympic, World and British road ace cycling champion Nicole Cooke, from Wick, were the first to be honoured with mounted plaques.
They were unable to

attend due to training commitments, and were represented by their

families.
David's grandparents,
Mr and Mrs Stark,



proudly represented their grandson. Mr Stark said: "We are happy to attend any event in David's place and celebrate his achievements.

"He's always been very dedicated and that shows through his success. I know he's pleased to have received

Denise Cooke, who

Pictured are Mayoress Joan Williams, chief executive John Maitland Evans. Coun Emlyn Williams, Council Leader Gordon Kemp, Denise Cooke, senior librarian Sandra Wildsmith, Mr and Mrs

represented her daugh-ter, Nicole, said: "I'd like to thank everyone for supporting Nicole We're very proud of her and I'd like to extend my thanks to the council for honouring her, and David's, sporting achievements."

Coun Williams said: "Through the hard work

their sport, they have become local heroes and will act as role models to the young people of the Vale. "We hope the coun-

cil's recognition of their achievements in the Hall of Fame will inspire young people to succeed in their chosen

Under-11s cruise to Blues Cup victory 49

COWBRIDGE **CRICC**

COWBRIDGE under-11s progressed to the second round of the Blues Cup with a convincing win against CRICC.

Within minutes of the kick-off, Cowbridge opened the scoring with a try by Rhys Barnard. Tries followed from James Holder and Cai Evans, all converted by Cai Evans, giving the home side a -point lead.

CRICC hit back with a good try and only brave

tackling by Seán Davies and Matthew Keating pre-vented CRICC scoring again. Just before half-time, Dan Bunny scored for Cowbridge to ease the pressure. Outstanding forward play by Duncan Ac, Harry Hopkins and Tomos Evans-Williams, and good tackling from Charlie Martin and Toff Patel contributed to further tries by James Holder, Dan Bunney and Osian John.

Although CRICC scored a consolation try. Cowbridge completed a deserved win.

In a second match, Cowbridge ran out winners by 14-12. Try scorers for Cowbridge were Sam John and Harrison Stevens, both converted by Charlie

Full squad: Osian John, Cai Evans, Rhys Barnard, James Holder, Harrison Stevens, Sean Davies, Charlie Pegrum, Toff Patel, Michael Thomas, Duncan Ace, Charlie Martin, Mathew Keating, Harry Hopkins, Joe Watts, Dan Bunney, Tomos Evan-Williams.

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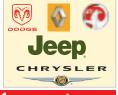
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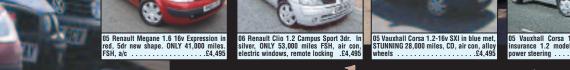
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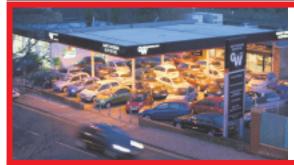








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A SHORT 10minute journey saw the high-flying Dragons arrive at Ely Rangers' home ground on Friday

evening.

A large number of injuries had Barry fans shaking their heads in disbelief at their bad luck, but soon these fears were replaced by admiration as manager Gavin Chesterfield fielded a side that quickly began to look

very well balanced. Once again, Lewis Cosslett looked solid in his central defensive role with Dan Clare. again showing maturity on the ball and aerial capabilities. Full-backs Jason Davies, and Dan Marshall completed a well organised defence.

With the hardworking and seemingly tireless Jones brothers Nickie and Scott snuffing out the dangerous Michael Osborne and co, few opportunities were pre-sented to the Wenvoebased team.

The first half saw Barry Town dominating play, but thanks to the amazing saves of Ian Davies, who gave a fan-tastic performance in

ELY RANGERS BARRY TOWN

the home goal, and a fine defensive performance from the home side's No 4. The Dragons only led by one goal at half-time.

The goal came in the 43rd minute when local boy Lewis Cosslett leapt high to head home - to the delight of his team

Sam Harterey and Morgan Harris added the steel to midfield and, together with the Jones brothers, snuffed

If the first half belonged to Barry Town, the start of the second belonged to Rangers who came out of the blocks at an

some nice football, playing through the midfield and starting to cause the Barry Town

defence some problems.
Passing and moving do so.

Overall it was a fine Barry-style, they began to excite both sets of

fans and it was now

the visitors' goal to

Dan Bradley's turn in

show his mettle making

several smart stops, one

ball onto the bar while

going to ground to the

sets of fans. The match

was now becoming very

competitive and exciting

with end-to-end foot-

Both clubs were

enjoying moments of good possession and

guished themselves with

more than fine saves. It

really was a fine advert

for this level of the foot

ball and it was increas-

how the Rangers hold

the league. Barry Town's fans

their approval to the

such a lowly position in

were impressed by the home team and showed

opposition at the end of the match.

A more obliging

defence than The Dragons on the day and

ingly hard to understand

both keepers distin-

ball.

astonishment of both

in particular palming the

game, well-officiated, and a credit to both

clubs and their fans. Next up: 2008-09 champions Aberaman Athletic, on Saturday, November 28 at home

Barry RFC reminder

WITH the rugby season still being disrupted by the autumn interna-tionals, Barry RFC has to wait until December 5 to continue their unbeaten start to the season.

Following the game against St Albans at home on that date, the club's Christmas draw will take place.

Players and members who obviously will, by now, have sold their tickets, should ensure that counterfoils are returned as soon as possible, either by leaving them with Carol at the bar, or direct to Andy Jamieson. Andy said: "Please

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

camp rightly had cause for satisfaction at mission accomplished against Argentina, they also know that there is still much to be done in the final match of the autumn series against Australia on Saturday.

Yes, there can be no doubt that last weekend's 33-16 victory over notori-ously difficult opponents that were rated above them in the world rugby rankings, was a notable achievement, but it is also true that this richly-talented Welsh team has yet to fire smooth-ly on all cylinders and realise its maximum poten-

First, though, the positives, and there are quite a few: the front five took on the formidable Pumas and matched them in the tight (with a little help, perhaps, from the Irish referee!) which then released the back row to contest the loose exchanges and thus free the vastly superior Welsh backs to create opportunities in attack.

For once, the lineout was not a weakness and with plentiful ball and territory gained in all phases, the home team were quickly in

the ascendancy.
At the interval, it was 13-3 – all the home points coming from Stephen Jones, having one of his best allround games for Wales,

More satisfying still was the end of Wales' recent try famine - with three touchdowns, including two by the mercurial Shane Williams.

All in all, then, a welldeserved victory gained through a non-stop physical effort that had the Pumas almost out on their feet by the end, as Welsh fitness told on opponents who had been under the cosh from

As already seen in the previous two autumn matches, the error count is still unacceptably high for a team striving to be in world rugby's top tier. the World Cup.

mates

Up front, young Josh Bell (replacing the injured Ian Jones) partnered Sam Small, and they looked a good pair-ing, Sam with his heading ability, and both with intelligent running off the ball and work rate on it.

out the Ely midfield.

admirable pace. They began to play

the Wenvoe-based team may have got something from the game and would have deserved to

(kick-off 2pm).

DAVID COLE

including a rare solo try after just eight minutes.

It seemed that only the Pumas' man-of-the-match skipper Lobbe stood between Wales and a landslide scoreline.

the opening whistle. However, Warren Gatland and his coaching team also know that many of the frustrating weakness-es that hold Wales back from full expression of their undoubted qualities remain.

Consistency, control and precision continue to be the three elusive targets as this

young Welsh squad look beyond the autumn 'friendlies' to encounters of a more meaningful kind in the Six Nations - and, ultimately,

Unsurprisingly, given that Wales are determined to persevere with a high tempo approach, despite rugby's current obsession with aerial ping-pong, the quicksilver Dwayne Peel has been recalled at half back.

With this in mind, Gatland has also kept faith with young Jonathan Davies at inside centre, as a foil to Jamie Roberts, in preference to fit again Tom Shanklin.

It is a team that should take the field brimming with confidence against an Australian side that has not exactly distinguished itself so far on tour. WALES TEAM: James

Hook, Leigh Halfpenny, Jamie Roberts, Jonathan Davies, Shane Williams, Stephen Jones, Dwayne Peel; Gethin Jenkins, Matthew Rees, Paul James, Alun-Wyn Jones, Luke Charteris, Andy Powell, Martyn Williams, Ryan Jones (captain).

Replacements: Huw Bennett, Duncan Jones, Jonathan Thomas, Dan Lydiate, Martin Roberts, Andrew Bishop, Tom James

10-man Dinas Powys are outplayed by Bryntirion

THE visitors took early control of the game and scored the opener after just six minutes, Adam Carpenter's first time effort found the back of the net following a good right wing cross.

With the help of a strong wind, Bryntirion continued to dominate the game with Tom Cuss in particular finding acres of space on the right with the home defence not picking him

up.
It came as no surprise when they doubled their lead, and again it was Cuss who delivered a telling cross with former Dinas player Nana Baah getting in at the near post to provide the touch to guide it past keeper Peter Blaine.
Tony Wallis had a

good shot saved by vis-iting keeper Josh Payne but that was one of the home sides few efforts on goal in a first half where keeper Peter Blaine kept Dinas in the

Welsh League Division One DINAS POWYS BRYNTIRION ATHLETIC 4

The heavy rain fell at the beginning of the sec-ond half making condi-tions even more diffi-

cult, and the Dinas cause wasn't helped when Jaymes Dixon was dismissed for one of those offences that infuriates the manager. Amazingly, this

seemed to signal a fight back and when Tony Wallis headed the ball on it was laid back for Tom Hutton who fired the ball past Payne in the Bryntirion goal from 20 vards for his first goal in first team football.

A few minutes later. Dinas were level when Tony Wallis was tripped on the edge of the sixvard box, Jacob Rudman converting.

For a time the visitors were pushed back and it looked as though Dinas may get a third but Bryntirion made full use of their one-man advantage and scored further goals from Nana Baah

and Anthony Rawlings to run out deserved win-

Few players came out of this game having enhanced their reputa-tions and they will cer-tainly have to improve, starting in their next game at West End, or get dragged down into the relegation mire. Squad: 1 Peter Blaine

2 Tom Hutton, 3 Josh Reffell, 4 Andy Lane, 5 Anthony Roberts, 6 Jacob Rudman, 7 Joe Hinds, 8 Lloyd Davies, 9 Tony Wallis, 10 Jaymes Dixon, 11 Rhodri Foote, 12 Owain Adams, 14 Mathew Edward-Jones, 15 Paul Carro, 16 Ashton Turner.

Forthcoming fixtures: Welsh League Division One, Saturday, November 28, West End v Dinas Powys (kick-off

For a full list of fixtures see the club's web site: www.dinaspowys-

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Judo Jack takes gold at Matt gets bronze Irish championships

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Jack Anderson from Llantwit Major has won a gold metal in The Irish Open International Judo Competition Dublin.

He was in a tough cat-

re was in a tought car-egory with 15 other boys, and some were up to 30kgs heavier. Jack fought with impressive skill and won all six fights outright not allowing any of his opponents to score any

He was then in the final against the largest of the boys, who was 30

years old, and currently trains at EGH Judokan, WILLIAMS | Llantrisant, and Sully Judo Association for come.



ABOVE:

Jack Anderson celebrates his gold medal.

Budokan, Sully. Jack has been a member of the British Squad for several years and is out yet again he fought events, as he also tion excellently to gain an attained gold in Belgium which outright win, which last November, and gold result. Secured the gold medal. in The Kent Jack has been doing Judo since he was five

their development squad.

In the last four years Jack has medalled in 36 out of the 38 competitions he has entered, which is an impressive

He has his heart set on continuing to improve, and his ambition is to He has now been represent Britain in the selected by The Welsh Olympics in years to

in 'dry-land' kayaking event!

RIGHT: Matt in action on his 'kayak'.

MATT Robinson of Llantwit Major Comprehensive School came third in the 200 metres, and fourth in the 2,000 metres last weekend at the **British** Indoor a Championships.

In these championships, competitors 'race' on land-based kayak ergo machines, with the winner record-

ing the fastest time.
They tackle a number of distances and the event took place over two days at Brunel University, Uxbridge.

Matt's third place Rogers.



medal was presented to him by the Olympic Gold medal winner, Tim Brabants.

Matt has been kavaking for about four years, trains at Cardiff Bay Kayak Club and is coached by Richard